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Prime Minister Trudeau joins standing ovation for Tubby Cole, 1978 Toronto United Jewish Appeal campaign chairman, after he received plaque at dinner in his honor. With them is Cole's wife, Ellen, who received gift. About 600 persons attended the Monday affair at Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Trudeau speech offers no indication of new anti-boycott initiatives...

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
Associate Editor

TORONTO — Prime Minister Trudeau, in a speech to 600 Jewish community leaders Monday, gave no hint of any change in government policy regarding the Arab boycott, despite the plea of Rabbi Gunther Plaut, national president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, "to seize the moral initiative" and introduce legislation to end it.

In introducing Trudeau as guest speaker at the wind-up dinner of the 1978 Toronto United Jewish Appeal campaign, Plaut called for legislation to make boycott practices, "which discriminate against Canadians and set citizen against citizen, once and for all ineoperative and illegal." The current practices relative to the boycott are of "acute distress" to the community, the rabbi emphasized to the prime minister.

The Holy Blossom senior scholar recalled Trudeau had seized the moral initiative in postponing the UN crime conference that had been scheduled in Toronto, on account of the PLO's planned attendance, and in involving himself in the issue of Soviet Jewry during his visit to Moscow.

But in his address to the gala dinner at Beth Tzedec, Trudeau made no reference to stronger measures, something the Jewish community has been calling for. (See boycott story elsewhere on this page.)

Declaring Canada has recently clarified and strengthened its policy, Trudeau said the government is hoping to do the right thing for all Canadians.

"We are determined to make sure that Canadian exporters know without question that this government will not assist those who would discriminate against Canadian Jews or companies, and will not restrict the freedom of any Canadians to maintain, enlarge or initiate commercial relations with Israel. Only Canada and the U.S. of all the countries in the world have taken such significant action."

"We will turn the spotlight of public opinion upon any

company which is refused government trading support because of acceptance of the boycott, and we will continue to consult with Canadians on the best methods of making sure that the rights and freedoms of the people of this country are not restricted by others."

Earlier in his address, he said his government's interest is to expand trade with all Middle Eastern countries "and we will seize every honorable opportunity to do so. But we will neither sanction nor support any trading arrangement which seeks to restrict our freedom to do business where and how we wish, or which might involve Canadians in the kind of discrimination which is repugnant to the deepest principles by which this country lives."

The general tone of comments from the audience following the prime minister's boycott remarks was one of dismay.

One of those disappointed was Sam Filer, Congress Central Region chairman, who commented he would have liked to have heard more concrete commitment to prohibit compliance with the boycott.

"I don't think we (Canada)

have reached standards set by the U.S. regarding compliance with the boycott... We (the Jewish community) are not taking issue with Saudi Arabian trade with Canada, but with foreign countries imposing their laws and requirements as with whom Canadian companies can trade, and the nature and composition of board and executives of Canadian companies."

Congress National Vice-President Milton Harris was more optimistic than most, saying he thinks the government will see its way clear to legislate. "Meanwhile, the

government is moving slowly towards our view... Plaut made it clear we're not satisfied with the government on this. But we're making yards and will continue to make yards."

Sitting at the head table along with UJA leaders were Defence Minister Barney Danson, Secretary of State John Roberts and Israel Ambassador to Canada Mordechai Shalev. Campaign chairman Tubby Cole was dinner honoree. Senators David Croll and Keith Davey were among those in the audience.

...while CIC pledges to embark on campaign for legal restrictions

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — The Canada-Israel Committee has vowed to embark on an intensive campaign across Canada to educate the Jewish community, as well as human rights groups, labor movements and the business community, about the federal government's apparent refusal to put more teeth into its policy on international economic boycotts.

The CIC's "go public" campaign will also include a beefed-up lobbying program in Ottawa for tougher surveillance of Canadian companies that are asked to comply with a boycott clause, which could eventually lead to anti-boycott legislation similar to that recently introduced in the United States.

This proposed plan of action follows the tabling in the House of Commons May 30 of the government's second semi-annual report on the implementation of its policy regarding boycotts by Industry, Trade and Commerce Minister Jack Horner.

The report basically states that the government's existing policy of withdrawing government services from Canadian companies that comply with boycott clauses considered unacceptable by the government has proven to

be an effective deterrent during the period from Aug. 1, 1977 to Jan. 31, 1978 which the report covers. There is no indication in the report that legislation or a more stringent policy is needed.

The day after the tabling of the report, the CIC issued a strongly-worded statement at a press conference held in Ottawa. The CIC says that in the three years since Prime Minister Trudeau stated that the boycott of Israel is "alien to everything the government stands for," it is now "clear that the government's frequently reiterated commitment to combatting boycott-related discrimination has become a charade."

"Ottawa has contented itself with meaningless statements and some half-hearted policy guidelines which have served to obscure the issues and confuse the corporate community. Instead of showing more courage the government of Canada has chosen to dodge the issue."

The CIC said its statement was the result of "extensive consultations amongst the leadership of the (Canadian) Jewish community."

The CIC is particularly disappointed in the second report because two months ago it issued a detailed brief to ministers and members of Parliament outlining changes

it would like to see, including a proposed Foreign Boycotts Act. The government's silence on the issue in the months leading up to the delivery of the report led the CIC to conclude that Ottawa might be changing its policy.

However, no substantial changes were forthcoming. Myer Bick, national executive director of the CIC, went so far as to say: "We believe officials from the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce are working with Canadian companies to help them abide by the boycott without contravening the government policy."

The CIC charges the government is "stonewalling" on the establishment of a reporting system of requests to comply with a boycott clause as was announced by the minister of external affairs, Don Jamieson, in his statement on boycott policy on Oct. 21, 1976. His two-part program stated that Canadian firms and individuals participating in foreign economic boycotts would be denied all government support or facilities, including the services of trade commissioners abroad, financing and market information.

In addition, Jamieson promised all companies receiving requests for boycott compliance would be required to

report these requests to the government and that information, including the names of the companies involved, would be made public.

The reporting mechanism was not mentioned in the guidelines for implementing this policy, which were released Jan. 21, 1977. The government's first semi-annual report on the implementation of this policy, issued six months later in February, 1978, "confirmed not only that the policy statement (by Jamieson) is not being implemented but also that it is being actively undermined," says the CIC.

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Aharon Yariv will be in Toronto June 20 to address Israel Bonds function for lawyers at the Primrose Club. He's a former Labor minister and top civil servant.

CJC defeats move for stand on unity

By MEL SOLMAN

MONTREAL — A motion calling on Canadian Jewish Congress to take an "unequivocal" political stand in favor of national unity was resoundingly defeated, 84-8, at a recent executive meeting of the Eastern Region. The results of the vote have been passed on to the national executive, says Eastern Region Chairman Dr. Melvin Schwartzben.

The motion, proposed by Zave Ettinger, executive director of United Talmud Torahs, indicated that the national executive should come out with a "clear and succinct" expression of support for Canadian unity.

The majority of those speaking on the motion felt that a firm political stand by Congress would be a useless gesture, serving only to antagonize a sector of the Quebec populace against the Jewish community. A minority charged that the leadership of Congress should openly reflect the feelings of the community and not to do so constituted a "hypocritical position."

Walter Roll, CJC Eastern Region secretary, said there was no need to get involved in a political cross-fire over Canadian unity. "The only result for us would be getting decimated," he said.

Alan Rose, CJC national executive vice-president, said that an official stand on Canadian unity might eventually be necessary, but, at this time, a political position was "premature." "We don't know the issues. We don't know the referendum questions. We don't know what the political atmosphere will be in the next year or so. No real gains can come from making a statement now."

In his speech following the defeat of the motion, Dr. Schwartzben said that in private discussions with political leaders of all parties, one point had been made clear to him — the community should stay clear of partisan politics.

"If we were to take a stand for or against separatism, we would do a grave disservice to this community because we would cut ourselves off from

one element of the Quebec political scene."

Schwartzben indicated a desire to continue Congress' position of strict political neutrality, adding that Bill 63 had been passed by a Union Nationale government, Bill 22 by a Liberal government and Bill 101 by a Parti Quebecois government.

"By putting all our eggs in one basket, so to speak, we, as a community, would not

have a credible role to play when governments come and go."

Schwartzben noted that members of the PQ government were particularly upset by a series of articles published in a variety of American and Canadian Jewish. The articles in question include ones appearing in B'nai B'rith National Jewish Monthly, the Miami Herald,

Commentary, the Atlantic Monthly and certain editorials in The Suburbanist.

Said Schwartzben: "I believe it is only just that we should firmly repudiate such unfair journalism. As with any government, there is room for fair criticism. However, many of these ill-informed articles go well beyond what can be termed 'fair comment' or even 'knowledgeable comment'."

PQ day school policy is denounced by Ryan; leader pledges fair deal

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Under a Liberal government, there would be no blackmail involved in the Jewish day schools' negotiations for public funds, provincial Liberal Leader Claude Ryan told a cheering audience at the annual dinner of the Hebrew Academy held Monday at the Young Israel Synagogue.

In his first public address to a Jewish gathering since being elected leader of the party, Ryan criticized the attitude of the Parti Quebecois government and its civil servants in their dealings with the day schools, over how much French should be taught in exchange for funding.

"There is something wrong there. I can't understand the connection the government is making between the religious character of your schools and the language problem," Ryan said to 240 parents and benefactors of the academy.

Ryan said he agreed with the principle of French instruction in the schools, "but to make it an essential condition for the dispensation of public funds to schools whose originality derived from another factor appears to me to be a misconception which can be extremely dangerous."

The Jewish day schools are entitled to government subvention, said Ryan, for the simple reason that all schools in the province are based on the confessional system — either Catholic or Protestant.

"I think that if Jewish day schools are entitled to exist because of the originality of the cultural and religious values which they reflect, then they ought to be entitled to public assistance as such."

Ryan said that Jewish children have the right to be educated in English if that is the principle language of their parents.

"Our legislation ought to apply to Jewish kids and their families as it does apply to the rest of the citizens of the province. There seems to be a discrepancy there that is not easily defensible."

Without speaking in specifics, Ryan outlined the principles that would guide his policy on the day schools. Firstly, he said, all citizens must have the right to set up schools that are free to express the convictions of the parents.

"This does not necessarily mean all private schools should be entitled to exactly the same financing as the public schools. There must be certain differences. If citizens



Opposition Leader Ryan

are convinced there is a need for such schools, they must be disposed to do their share... It would be unrealistic to expect all private schools to be on the same footing as public schools."

He said however that the withdrawal of government assistance would be a "gross abuse of power."

Under a Liberal government, "there will be a reasonable, civilized conversation between the two parties in order to arrive at agreements which will be mutually acceptable. That's the civilized way in which a government should operate."

Happy thousands make Israel Day a smashing success at Ontario Place

By HARVEY WARREN

TORONTO — "It's fabulous," shouted Dina Lasry over the din of a lively hora which broke out spontaneously in front of the West Island bandshell, in exuberant celebration of Israel Day at Ontario Place Sunday.

Mrs. Lasry and her husband, who came from Ramat Hasharon, to Toronto two years ago, had just witnessed one of Israel Day's highlights — a folk-dancing performance by the Nirkoda Dancers and a Boyer-inspired solo by Dahlia Obadiah.

Mrs. Lasry enjoyed everything she saw at the celebration commemorating the 30th anniversary of the state of Israel, from the dancing, to the exhibits, to the fete, to a rehearsal of the main concert by the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra.

"I hope to see many more like this," she said, adding wistfully that it reminded her of days in Israel.

There were 27,000 paid admissions to Ontario Place. That figure does not include small children and senior citizens. Organizers of the event estimate 70-80% of the crowd was Jewish.

Israeli flags were visible all over the playground island. Many people came out in large groups and enjoyed picnics under sunny skies.

Max Goody, chairman of the anniversary celebrations, wondered aloud before an audience of 5,000 in the forum during the evening how John Maxwell, director general of Ontario Place, would view the idea of Israel Day being made an annual event.

In fact, when the Canadian Zionist Federation, which threw the party with help from Wintario, approached Ontario Place with their idea for the forum show, Maxwell suggested expanding it into a full day's activities. Co-operating with the CZF in sponsoring Israel Day were the

Toronto Jewish Congress and Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region.

Maxwell, calling the day a memorable occasion and "a fantastic success," left little doubt as to his feelings about another Israel Day. "Let's hope we can do it again in the very near future," he told the cheering crowd.

Israel Ambassador to Canada Mordechai Shalev, addressing the packed forum before the concert, praised Ontario Premier William Davis who, he said, exemplifies the province's friendship for Israel.

He extended an invitation to Davis to return to Israel next year to open another Ontario Place, built on a smaller scale, in Canada Park.

Shalev said participation in Israel Day celebrations was a reaffirmation of the ideals Israel stands for: "social democracy and a free society, which it shares with the people of Ontario."

With sinister forces at work, "even in Canada," Shalev said the friendship of

Ontario is especially significant.

Ontario Attorney-General Roy McMurtry, representing the premier, Maxwell, and conductor Boris Brott were all given medallions commemorating Israel's 30th anniversary.

Torontonian Akiva Flaumbaum couldn't find enough superlatives to describe Israel Day. "It's very nice... beautiful. Everybody is happy."



This is part of the 30,000 plus crowd which attended Israel Day at Ontario Place at the Toronto waterfront. People are participating in Israeli dancing at the Island bandshell.

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Chaim Herzog (left), Israel's UN ambassador, lends a hand while Abraham Beame, former New York mayor, affixes mezuzah to door of first U.S. office of Israel's United Mizrahi Bank in New York. Beame will serve as advisory board chairman of UMB. Herzog is leaving his UN post very shortly.

1,000 neo-Nazis in German state

DUSSELDORF [JCN] —

There are 14 extreme right-wing groups with about 1,000 members in the West German state of Rhineland-Palatinate, according to the state Justice Ministry in Mainz.

The National Democratic Party (NPD), with about 700 members, is the largest, but its political influence has been waning steadily, the ministry said. The other 13 groups are more or less similar in outlook to the NPD.

The ministry also stated that since 1975, Gary Lauck's National Socialist Party in the United States (NSDAP, AO) has been active in the Rhineland-Palatinate and that a number of neo-Nazis in the state

are supporting the American Nazis' political aims.

Bonn legal authorities have broken up a group trading in Nazi emblems and other paraphernalia after the police seized large quantities of Nazi uniforms, decorations, swords and swastikas.

The prosecutor has opened inquiries into the activities of the owners of two second-hand shops in Bonn and Koenigswinter. In West Berlin, 11 people have been charged with forming a local Nazi party branch and with disseminating Nazi propaganda.

The police broke up the group's inaugural meeting in November, 1976, and seized small arms and

Nazi literature and emblems in the homes of some members.

Helge Roethke, a 30-year-old plumber, and another man, who were known neo-Nazi activists, were arrested in Karlsruhe and charged with armed robbery of an arms depot in northern Germany in December.

Meeting in Hamburg, the West German Trade Union Federation has approved a resolution calling on the authorities to curb neo-Nazi organizations and propaganda and provide more detailed instruction of the Nazi era in West German schools.

Heinz Oskar Vetter, the chairman, said it was intolerable that Nazi crimes

were being minimized, and even denied, by neo-Nazi circles and publications.

Sadat's ultimatum raises a new issue in peace negotiations

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

A new issue has arisen over an implied threat by President Anwar Sadat of Egypt to end his peace initiative next October unless there is some softening of Israel's negotiating position.

Sadat told a Cairo news conference that he might not agree to continue the presence of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) in Sinai after October. He contends that the UNEF mandate, established under the second Sinai interim agreement of September, 1975, expires in October.

There has been no official Israeli response to Sadat's remarks but circles here were quick to point out that there was no time limit put on the Sinai II agreement.

There was a secret paper at the time in which Sadat undertook to review the UNEF mandate "at

least" twice. On that basis he can claim he is not obligated to renew it beyond October.

But even without UNEF, the agreement itself remains in force until replaced by another agreement, the Israeli circles said. This means that the American-manned electronic surveillance and early warning devices would be kept in Sinai even in the absence of UNEF.

Sadat's remarks were seen here as a ploy aimed at greater U.S. pressure on Israel for concessions and a preparation for a way out of the peace initiative for Sadat.

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Newly-installed President Navon asks Sadat to renew Israeli talks

JERUSALEM [JCN] —

A call to President Sadat to renew peace negotiations with Israel was made by Israel's new president, Yitzhak Navon, after he was installed into office.

Navon said that every party in Israel, without exception, in the past and

present, was ready to make sacrifices to achieve peace. "The path we must still tread to peace is shorter than the way we have already travelled. Too many

people have been planted in the hearts of both our peoples to allow us to disappoint them," he said.

The new president added that he hoped he would

represent the entire cross-section of Israeli political and social structure, and exhorted Israelis to take pride in the achievements of the past 30 years and embark now on building a new quality for their society.

The swearing-in of a new president in Israel is one of the few occasions when the country tries to put on ceremony resplendent with pomp and grandeur. None of this was missing, but Navon managed to introduce a quality of warmth and a personal touch. He stopped to chat to flower-bedecked children who greeted him at the entrance to the Knesset where the ceremony took place.

Shofarim calls sounded by two army rabbis heralded Navon when he entered the Knesset along the speaker, Itzhak Shamir, and the outgoing president, Prof. Ephraim Katzir.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who has been ill with a fever, made a special effort to attend the ceremony.

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Scholars issue Canada's first Mideast journal

TORONTO (Staff) —

Canada's first magazine dealing with contemporary Middle Eastern affairs has been published. Middle East Focus, a bi-monthly sponsored by the Canadian Academic Foundation for Peace in the Middle East, will be printed each January, March, May, July, September and October.

Harry Crowe, a York University history professor, is editor and publisher and Eva Dessen, national director of the Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East (CPPME), is managing editor. Crowe is also co-chairman of CPPME.

According to Crowe, the periodical — 5,000 copies of which were printed in the first press run — is financed by pledges from businessmen and professional people. In an interview, he said Middle East Focus has enough funds in its coffers to publish for the next three years.

Though the cost of an individual issue is \$1, all 5,000 copies were sent out free of charge, complete with subscription blanks, to selected civil servants, politicians, libraries, universities and the media. The subscription rate is \$5 per year.

The magazine contained no advertising in its inaugural issue, but Crowe told The Canadian Jewish News that ads will appear in the second number.

Middle East Focus shares office space with CPPME, which also supplies its only two employees, Ms. Dessen and Cathy Fromkin, production editor. The address is 60 Bloor St. W., Toronto.

Crowe said the Canadian Academic Foundation for Peace in the Middle East is an autonomous group of Canadians whose purpose is to encourage study and analysis of the social, political and economic issues inherent in the Middle East conflict.

He said it has no connection with the Canada-Israel Committee, a pro-Israel lobbying organization. However, CPPME spawned the Canadian Academic Foundation for Peace in the Middle East.

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According to its editorial, Middle East Focus will stress the theme that a foreign policy "which is based on moral considerations reflects the most enduring form of self-interest" of a democratic society. The greater the public awareness of the issues and involvement in the formulation of Canada's responses, the greater is the likelihood that it will have such a policy.

It adds: "The opportunity for an informed and sustained awareness by Canadians of events in the Middle East is, at best, spotty. . . . Magazines focusing on the Middle East which have any significant circulation in Canada, although slick publications, tend to be bulletin boards for slogans. . . . Books and articles are few and mainly unimpressive."

Articles in the first issue include an analysis of Anwar Sadat's visit to Jerusalem by York University philosophy professor Howard Adelman, an examination of Egypt's role in the region by Haifa University history professor Gabriel Warburg, a visiting professor at York University, and a study of Sadat and Menachem Begin by McGill law professor Irwin Cotler.

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Barbara Epstein (centre) has been succeeded by two women as heads of the United Israel Appeal of Canada women's division. The new national co-presidents, selected are Faigle Zimmerman (left) of Montreal and Lois Raphael of Vancouver.

Quebec 'road show' delivers Israel's case

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Throughout June and July, Israel's message will be brought to French Canadians for the first time in municipalities far removed from Montreal.

Les Amities Quebec-Israel, through the Canada Israel Committee, have organized a traveling "road show" that will visit 10 Quebec towns and cities.

Three preliminary "Soirees Israelienues", as the evenings are called, have been held already in Varennes, Terrebonne and Rougemont with encouraging turnouts.

The road show will appear in other towns on the following dates: June 11, Drummondville; June 13, Tracy; June 14, Joliette; June 18, Sherbrooke; June 20, St. Jerome; July 6, Ste. Foy; July 8, Baie Comeau; July 9, Sept-Iles; July 11, Chicoutimi; and July 16, Trois-Rivieres.

Over 8,000 invitations have been issued by AQI and the mayors of each town who will distribute them. The invitations depict a color reproduction of the painting of Mount Tabor by Quebec artist Arthur Villeneuve, who went to Israel to complete the work.

A typical agenda of a Soiree Israelienne, especially designed to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Jewish state, includes films on Israel, entertainment by the Israeli singing duo, Dadi and Joseph Cohen and a talk on Israel by Vice-Consul Gadi

Golan.

"At the one in Rougemont the atmosphere was really great," said Antoine Gagnon, director of AQI. "Everyone was singing and laughing; the mayor even brought a cake with the AQI symbol on it."

Four hundred came to the festivities in Rougemont, a town in the heart of Quebec's apple-growing country, including Dr. Victor Goldbloom, Liberal MNA for Darcy McGee. Rougemont was twinned with the Israeli town of Metulla a couple of years ago and several who attended have visited Israel.

Parti Quebecois MNA Eli Phalu and federal Liberal MP Roland Comtois were among the 75 who attended the soiree in their home riding of Terrebonne, north of Montreal.

Despite a Stanley Cup playoff game that night, a capacity crowd of 200 packed the cultural centre in south shore Varennes. The Roman Catholic canon of the area, as well as the local federal and provincial deputies, showed up.

"We were expecting only 100 at this one and extra chairs had to be brought in," said Gagnon, who acts as master of ceremonies.

Israel's tourist attractions form a major part of the evenings and one of the highlights of the road show is that each of the invited are eligible for a free trip to Israel. The drawing for the trip will be made by Cultural Affairs Minister Denis Vaugeois

July 16 in Trois-Rivieres.

The Ste. Foy (a suburb of Quebec City) event July 6 will be the biggest, with 2,000 invitations going out. It will be held in the community hall, a popular drop-in centre for Ste. Foy residents and those from surrounding villages.

Ambassador Mordechai Shalev will attend along with several Quebec ministers, perhaps even Premier Rene Levesque, said Gagnon. A cocktail reception for 500 will precede the soiree, which will also include that night a choral group from Israel.

A traveling Israel information program has been an idea in the works by the CIC for a number of years.

"The main purpose is to bring people and ideas together," said Myer Bick, CIC executive-director. "We present Israel's story and the relationship of Israel to Jews in a simple and direct manner. We have been foolish in concentrating our activities only in Montreal when there's a whole world out there."

Bick said he believed that although the road show is still a pilot project, it had possibilities for greater expansion.

UJA women's division Two to share presidency

By MOURA WOLPERT

TORONTO —

For the first time in the history of the United Israel Appeal's women's division, the presidency will be shared by two: Lois Raphael, Vancouver, as UJA's western president, and Faigle Zimmerman, Montreal, as its eastern.

This move, it is hoped, will alleviate western communities' feelings of isolation and, hopes Mrs. Raphael, will lead to a strengthening of the UJA women's division.

Another first for the women's division is the appointment of Joan Lipson as executive director in a paid position. Said Mrs. Raphael of the appointment: "There is an opportunity for continuity . . . and a feeling of greater permanence."

Meanwhile, outgoing UJA women's division president Barbara Epstein told the general annual meeting last week that it now possesses the knowledge and skills to become a focal point for mission planning for all of Canada.

Missions to Israel were seen as one of the most valuable tools in both fund-raising and the forging of closer links between communities across Canada during discussions at

the three-day meeting at the Plaza II hotel here.

"Our mission this year (to Eastern Europe and Israel) was one of the few that was not cancelled because of lack of response," said Mrs. Epstein, "and we now seem to have set an example."

The women's division has the volunteer capability to be the "planners, organizers, arrangers and conductors" of missions to Israel for a wide diversity of groups, she continued, suggesting that the organization is now able to provide general information and assistance to "family missions in the holidays, summer missions for high school students, young leadership, campaign leadership" and other groups. Phyllis Tapper (leader and organizer of this year's Mission 30) has already been consulted by the Toronto campaign and Canadian Hadassah, she disclosed.

The organization should establish a UJA missions calendar, Mrs. Epstein went on, so that "we can say 'come with us' — and if you only go once, go UJA."

Mrs. Epstein, a Maritimer living in Hamilton for the past 11 years, is relinquishing the presidency after a one-year term following her husband's appointment as head of the

psychiatry department at Brown University, Providence, R.I. A room in Canada House in Jerusalem has been named in her honor.

Both Mrs. Raphael and Mrs. Epstein advocated regional conferences as a means of helping smaller communities to become involved; to help them maintain their identity and to feel less isolated.

Gay Berger, another Mission 30 participant, spoke of the "ripple effect" of the trip and, as an example, told of speaking to a group of survivors, "ladies," she had been warned, "who don't give any money," but who

could not hear enough about Poland and Romania and at the end "gave \$300, with the promise of more next year."

Announcing an international women's conference and mission in Amsterdam and Israel Sept. 7 to 22, guest speaker Marilyn Brown, national co-chairman, women's division UJA of the United States, said she hoped for the participation of 12 to 15 Canadian women.

As a relatively new organization, the Canadian women's division is better able to help Jewish women in other countries establish their own groups. Ms. Brown told the women,

adding that women in Mexico, France, Great Britain, West Germany, South Africa and Latin American countries will be able to benefit from Canadian experience.

Miriam Small, first president of the women's division, installed the new executive, which includes Simone Goldberg, Ottawa, as national vice-chairman; Eleanor Rose, Toronto, secretary-treasurer; Wendy Litwak, Montreal, mission chairman; Judy Mandelman, Vancouver, national bylaw chairman; Shoshana Cole, Toronto, education chairman, and Joan Koskie, Toronto, publicity.

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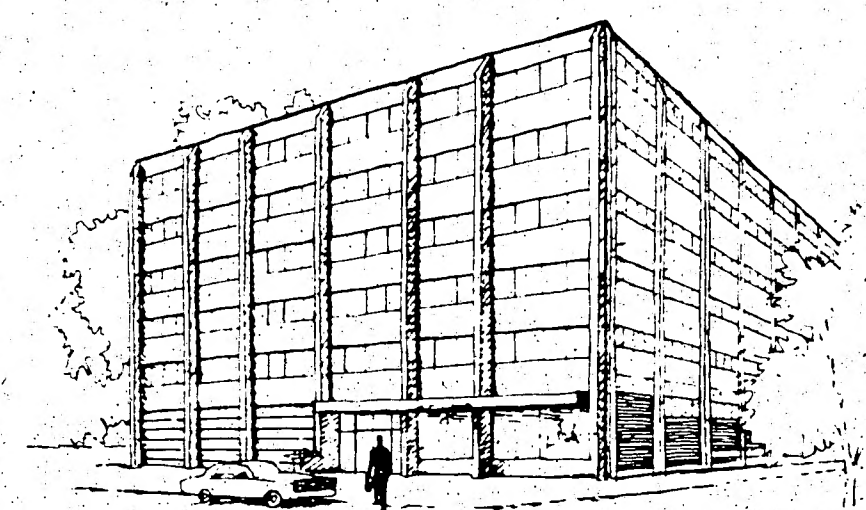
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Ottawa's charade

The Canadian government's anti-boycott stance is more than a substance, a weak-kneed, flimsy hedge-podge that reflects Ottawa's lack of determination to fight economic discrimination with strong legislative action. The Canada-Israel Committee, which serves as the Jewish community's watchdog in this and other concerns, believes, with justification, that Ottawa keeps changing its policy to avoid confronting the issue of compliance head on. In other words, the government waffles.

It was hoped that Prime Minister Trudeau might have something specific to say last Monday night in Toronto at the United Jewish Appeal dinner, marking the end of the 1978 campaign, which would indicate the government's intention to enact a tougher anti-boycott policy. But Mr. Trudeau confined his remarks to reiterating his government's opposition to the boycott, giving no hint of future action. In this respect it was a disappointing speech.

Months ago, the government announced that it would publish the names of Canadian companies that complied with the boycott. Later, it was claimed that only one company had transgressed, but the name was not made public. When the second annual report of the Trade and Commerce Ministry was tabled in the House of Commons last week, there was no specific mention of company names. In this respect the government was consistent: the first departmental report also was devoid of names of transgressors.

However, it has been learned that the Westinghouse company agreed with the boycott stipulations last August in a deal to supply Libya with turbine pumps worth \$25 million. When Ottawa exerted pressure on the giant company, Westinghouse agreed to renegotiate the contract. But the name of Westinghouse was conspicuously absent

from Minister Jack Horner's tabled report. After long and fruitless efforts to get Ottawa to take a firm stand — something the United States has done with admirable clarity — the Canada-Israel Committee has decided to launch a nationwide campaign with the goal of pushing a reluctant government into framing a positive policy.

The federal government makes much of the fact that it will withdraw all governmental services from Canadian companies complying with boycott stipulations that discriminate in matters of race and religion. Admittedly, the loss of governmental services would hamper companies in their bid to obtain lucrative contracts from Mideast Arab nations, but with many millions of dollars at stake, most companies, in the absence of a federal policy with sharp teeth, would go ahead, anyway. The history of the Arab boycott is dotted with instances where international companies have stood up to the boycott, refused to sign contracts with discriminatory clauses, and found that they could get business without agreeing to discriminate. There is no reason to believe that a strong government policy outlawing all forms of boycott would not bring a similar reaction from the Arab states as well as providing leadership to Canadian companies.

We are all for more foreign trade and Canada should do everything in its power to promote it, but not by yielding to improper pressures from those who seek to obtain by economic means what they have failed to win on the battlefield. Instead of bland speeches from politicians, what is needed is a clear, unequivocal policy that will tell the Arab world that we welcome their trade, but it will be rejected if it comes with discriminatory clauses. The word "charade" has been used to describe Ottawa's current policy, and the evidence supports this accusation.

Our annual rebirth

On the 50th day after Passover, Jews worldwide, celebrate the joyous festival of Shavuot. The Hebrew calendar refers to the sixth of Sivan as the day for observing the Pentecost holiday. This year Jews outside of Israel will be welcoming this happy religious event on June 11 and 12.

In biblical times, the Shavuot festival coincided with the harvest period and it is for this reason that it is also referred to as "Feasts of First Fruits." The rabbis designated the holiday as "Azeret" — a solemn assembly.

Traditionally, Shavuot is viewed as the holiday which commemorates the revelation at Sinai. There, the Jewish people received its spiritual constitution and became identified with the life of mitzvot.

In synagogues, Shavuot, one of the three pilgrimage festivals, is marked by special readings from the Book of Ruth and the 10 Commandments. In more traditional houses of worship Jews will gather on Erev Shavuot, Saturday evening, June 10, at which time they will participate in "Tikun Lail Shavuot," an entire evening devoted to study and discussion of liturgical, biblical and Talmudic texts.

With the coming of summer, Shavuot symbolizes, in the greenness of synagogue decorations and in the reflective mood of worshippers — the annual rebirth of peoplehood, not in the narrow chauvinistic sense, but in the larger context of Torah nationhood.

No more wars?

The highly regarded International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), says in its 1977 survey just published that it does not believe there will be a new Arab-Israeli war for at least two or three years, even if the attempts to revive the stalled peace negotiations end in failure.

American mediation in the Middle East is a factor of declining power, at least on a short term basis, according to the survey. The specialists who prepared the survey believe Israel is now so militarily strong compared with her neighbors that there is no immediate need for American support or supplies in the event of another violent conflict. Secondly, Israel's new economic policy, if successful, will reduce the need for Western and American subsidies. Finally, says IISS, the psychology of the Begin government precludes a ready subservience to American demands.

The survey bases its belief that no new war between Israel and Egypt will break out for several years on the assumption that

Egypt will need that length of time to rebuild its armed forces. It claims, too, that Syrian forces are heavily committed in Lebanon, even though the Soviet Union has begun to supply them with advanced weapons.

The survey concludes by saying that Israel has nothing to gain and much to lose from another war. "In these circumstances it is, for the time being, improbable that the only alternative to peace is war."

As we have indicated, the IISS is a most respected organization, one not given to voicing shallow, opportunistic views. It must not be overlooked, however, that the Arab world, that part of it we regard as showing the most hostility to Israel, has not forewarned its long range objective to destroy the Jewish state. If the United States continues on the course it initiated with the sale of sophisticated fighter planes to Saudi Arabia, the prospect of another major war in the Middle East looms large on the horizon.

New Begin biography

Story of an action-filled life

By ARNOLD AGES

Menachem Begin: The Legend and the Man
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Few are the men who have had such dramatic careers or who have been the subject of such acrimonious censure as the current prime minister of Israel. Since his days as Betar leader in Poland and commander of the Irgun in mandated Palestine, Menachem Begin has had to fight off a negative public relations image created in part by his own truculence on the one hand, and by mischievous elements within the Jewish "establishment" on the other.

Journalist Eitan Haber delves into these thorny issues in his new biography of the man who welcomed Sadat in Jerusalem in 1977. The author explores the genesis of Begin's Zionism back to its tendrils in Poland, where the young Begin was early exposed to the best in Judaism by a family

which nurtured in him respect and reverence for both religion and national consciousness. His father, a proud and dignified Jew, once broke down the doors of a local synagogue to hold a memorial prayer for Theodor Herzl after the incumbent rabbi had locked the entrance to prevent services for "the Zionist apostate."

Begin's embrace of a militant Zionism, in contradiction to the more pacific expression it found in conventional circles, was born partly from his early contacts with members of the Shomer Hatzair — whom he excoriated, and, from his detestation of the consequences of the Bolshevik revolution, which for him represented retrogression rather than melioristic tendencies in man.

His devotion to Zion was reinforced through the magnetic personality of Ze'ev Jabotinsky under whose spell Begin came as a youth. Haber describes in detail the role which Jabotinsky played in forming the political configuration of Begin and reveals (for the first time), that their relationship, although one of master and student, was

quite stormy on occasion. In fact, in one pre-war debate, Jabotinsky rose to lecture Begin on his immaturity and lack of practicality.

His war experiences at the hands of the Soviets reinforced in Begin's mind the ruthlessness of the Communists. When the Nazis invaded Poland, this young lawyer and Betar activist escaped with his new wife to a part of Poland eventually occupied by the Soviets. Interrogated by the secret police, Begin was accused of anti-Soviet agitation and sent to a labor camp in the far north. The callousness of the Gulag experience deepened both his revulsion for the Communists and his commitment to Jewish survival.

Begin left the Gulag archipelago because, as a Polish citizen, he was released to fight with General Anders's Polish army. This unit was sent to the Middle East theatre to bolster British forces in Iraq. It was only a question of time before Begin made his way to the beloved homeland — not as a deserter but as one who received an official discharge. Eitan records the latter item in some detail because he wishes to stress Begin's disinclination to have been involved in any dishonorable act.

Haber's biography is best in those parts dealing with the final days of the British presence in Palestine. Readers will be fascinated by the chronicling of the King David Hotel disaster, which the Irgun executed and which cost the lives of more than 200 people. The British authorities responsible were warned in advance of the impending explosion but, Shaw, the man in charge, refused to obey orders given by

Jews. The resulting destruction, however, brought down the wrath of the official Jewish community upon Begin, who became the symbol of terrorism in the eyes of "respectable" Jews.

Haber covers all the bases in his account of Begin and the Irgun: Dov Gruner, the hanging of the British sergeants, the Althelena, the German reparations. In one interesting footnote we learn that in 1972, during a visit to Britain, Begin was picketed by members of the family of the English soldiers whose execution he had regrettably ordered as a reprisal in 1947.

This new biography of Begin is praiseworthy because it is not in the tradition of cheer-leading. Begin is the object of respect in its pages; his wars, however, are also displayed prominently. Begin is portrayed as a man of basic integrity and even courtly manners, but also one given to fits of irrationality and demagoguery. His role in fomenting a riot in 1952 during debates over reparations is discussed with appropriate censoriousness.

Haber shows, with considerable insight, how foxy old Ben-Gurion continually outmaneuvered Begin in debate by raising irrelevant questions to which the latter inevitably responded in anger and vituperation — thereby relieving Ben-Gurion of the often uncomfortable task of answering sensitive questions.

The final image which emerges, however, is a positive one. Begin's passion and commitment are still there but now moderated by a new maturity and the understanding that the art of politics is still compromise.



Prime Minister Menachem Begin and his wife Alisa enjoy themselves at a recent function. The prime minister receives a generally positive analysis in a book written by Eitan Haber.

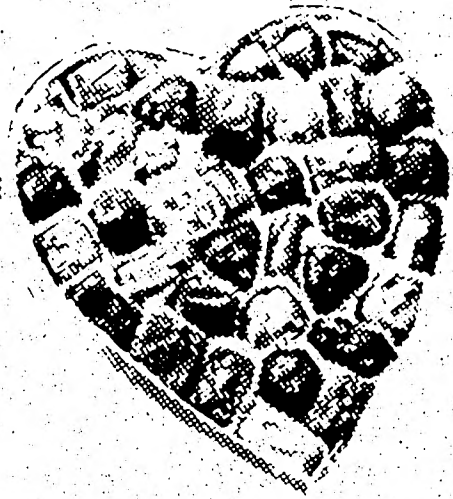
How about weapons bank for friends we really like?

By RUSSELL BAKER

(New York Times)

Soon we shall send Egypt, Israel and Saudi Arabia some dangerous war planes. The purpose is to show them we like them all.

Don't ask why we couldn't have got the message across by sending them flowers and candy. Maybe, in Middle East culture, sending flowers and candy is a gesture of contempt.



Maybe the president and Congress thought it would make them look silly if they argued for weeks about whether to send flowers and candy. I don't know.

What I do know from studying the newspapers is that Egypt, Israel and Saudi Arabia all got the impression, more or less simultaneously, that we didn't like them any more.

You know what that means. It always means the same thing when somebody you like a lot says, "You don't like me any more."

It means the next thing you will hear is, "Well, if you really liked me, you'd find some way to show it."

Since we really like Egypt, Israel and Saudi Arabia, naturally, we wanted to find some way to show it. And instead of dispatching chocolates and roses, we did what people in our position too often do, and said, "Let's go shopping."

The Saudis and Egyptians looked around and thought they'd rather like some warplanes. We had already taken the Israelis out for warplanes. If we really respected them, the Saudis and Egyptians said, we'd order them some warplanes, too.

Well, what can you do? You don't want Egypt and Saudi Arabia thinking you don't like them any more. Warplanes it was.

And even more warplanes for Israel after it hinted that we didn't seem to like Israel anymore as much as we liked Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Is this all too simplified? I have it from a close reading of almost every statesman's explanation of why the warplanes are being sent. They are symbols, if the statesmen can be believed. Merely symbols. With these planes we testify to our respect for Saudi Arabia, our faith in President Sadat and our determination to preserve Israel from harm. No, it is not too simplified.

Well of course we are not simpletons.

After all, we know warplanes can be used for disagreeable ends, especially when recipients are nervous about their proximity to one another.

But how is one to offer symbols of affection without risking war? The solution proposed by my friend Hess is to create a weapons bank for people we like.

Planes as symbols

When a country like Egypt, Israel or Saudi Arabia comes to us for tokens of affection and esteem, Hess proposes we send them flowers, candy or theatre tickets for immediate use or, as an alternative, offer to put some weapons in the weapons bank for them.

The weapons bank would be located in the United States, Hess believes Fort Knox would be an appropriate location, now that so much of its gold hoard has been disbursed.

If, for example, we wanted to give Saudi Arabia 50 warplanes as a token of our affection, the planes would be sent to Fort Knox and guarded by the American military so that nobody could take them out of the vaults, including us or the Saudis.

The Saudis would receive a voucher stating that they held 50 warplanes worth of American affection. Similar vouchers would be issued to Egypt, Israel and anyone else whom we wanted to shower affection. When our friends became quarrelsome they would no longer be tempted to damage each other by belligerent exercise of our gifts, but would only have to match vouchers to determine which one of them we liked most.



Any country could exchange its voucher in Washington for candy, flowers, theatre tickets, baskets of fruit, Valentines and similar harmless expressions of esteem, in quantities up to the full value of warplanes held for it in the weapons bank.

Several persons wise in diplomacy assure me that this proposal is absurd.

Oh, not because countries like Egypt, Israel and Saudi Arabia don't really want tokens of our respect, affection and esteem, these people say, for they all do. They all want tangible evidence that we like them.

If it isn't tangible enough to help them inflict grave damage on each other, however, they will conclude that we really don't like them at all. In short, the only tenable policy for assuring people we like them is to help them shoot each other more efficiently.



By NECHEMIA MEYERS

israel today

REHOVOT —

Today, I frantically combed a dozen Tel Aviv bookstores in search of a tourists' guide to Scandinavia, but there wasn't one to be found. The refrain of the clerks was always the same: "I'm sorry, but we are all sold out."

And no wonder — almost 10% of all Israelis will be going overseas this summer, most of them to northern or western Europe.

This is reflected not only in the bookstores, but also in the newspapers (which carry several pages a day of travel ads), on the radio (where travel jingles share pride of place with soft drink jingles) and, of course, at Ben-Gurion Airport, now more crowded than ever before.

Among the factors which contributed to this development was last year's decision to remove the travel tax and to lift restrictions on the purchase of foreign currency. As a result, overseas journeys are cheaper and Israelis can finance their trips without having to buy dollars on the black market.

An overseas junket is now, in fact, within reach of most people. For example, just \$300 gives one a week's vacation on the Greek island of Rhodes, which, by the way, is about what a week in Eilat would cost.

Seven days in Cyprus is even less expensive, but with the PLO very active on the island, and enjoying cordial relations with its government, most Israelis have decided to forego that particular bargain. For the well-heeled, trips are offered by the country's 300 travel agents to almost every destination from the Shinto shrines of Tokyo to the movie studios of Los Angeles.



Outgoing Israeli President Ephraim Katzir [right] shares a laugh with the wife of the new president, Yitzhak Navon, who sits next to her. Chatting with Navon is noted Israeli humorist Ephraim Kishon. The event was sponsored by the Israel Variety Club in Jerusalem.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO DIASPORA LEADERSHIP?



Donald Carr of Toronto

By DONALD CARR

Sitting in Jerusalem towards the end of another hectic visit, a conviction initially felt some weeks before leaving Toronto has now become crystallized and immutable.

Perhaps the U.S. Senate approval of the "planes package," together with its effect here, has finally placed it in its proper context.

The Arabs will never defeat the Jewish state — but some of our own Jews are giving them substantial aid.

About a month ago, I wrote my first (and still unpublished) letter to the editor of the Jerusalem Post. It had reached the point of exasperation. Opening issue after issue of the weekly international edition, one saw letter upon letter to the editor — all bearing similar hallmarks. They all came from the Diaspora and, primarily, from the U.S. The writers each professed a love of Israel and avowed support; they then proceeded to criticize the present Israeli government's "intransigence" (a favorite U.S. Arab code word in recent months); derided the enun-

ciated policy on the settlements in the West Bank and Sinai and called for "flexibility".

It is bad enough that the only English newspaper published in Israel has consistently editorialized an anti-government line since last May and (with some notable exceptions), has given overwhelming space to columnists supporting the Opposition attacks on the Begin government. Many of us depend on the Jerusalem Post to provide relatively current news of Israel and what a distorted and biased view we now get! But this is the unassailable right of a newspaper published in Israel and is part of the freedom enjoyed in the only Middle East democracy.

Not so, however, the right of the Jerusalem Post to make a careful and prejudiced selection of the letters received by it. For if one reads the daily editions — usually read only in Israel — one finds a much broader and more representative spectrum of Jewish "public opinion".

But if one is to take the Jerusalem Post to task, how much more so must the writers of the selected letters be criticized. And how

much more heinous are the words of those so-called leaders of U.S. and world Jewry who have added their voices to the cacophony of pressure and divisiveness which embarrass and endanger both Israel and North American Jewry.

Let one thing be clear. This is not written by a supporter of any particular political party in Israel. The views expressed here would apply if the state were governed today by the alignment or even by Mapam.

There is a principle at stake here. It is a gross immorality for any Jews outside Israel to give public voice to criticism of the enunciated policies of the government of Israel, so long as the state remains in mortal danger. That is a sweeping statement. But it can be supported on several grounds:

— Who dares to tell Israel what it should or should not do in the midst of the most tortuous negotiations about its security and existence? Do they sit on the 1967 ceasefire lines, or within gunshot of them? Do they have sons and daughters in the Golan or Sinai or next to Fatahland? Is their property and livelihood five minutes from Yamit, 10

minutes from Damascus?

— By what profound insight or possession of classified information do they know what part of Israel's stated positions are bargaining cards and what part are not subject to compromise, in negotiations unprecedented in their public exposure and media scrutiny?

— What expertise do they have as to the Arab psyche, which demands an entirely different approach to bargaining, to reconciliation and to peace?

— What measure do they take of the effect of their words on the general media — all too often ready to make the most of divisions in the Jewish communities' support for Israel — or the solace given to those parts of the media which are committed to the well-oiled Arab propaganda machine?

More than one commentator has attributed the ambivalence in the U.S. Jewish community as one reason for the lack of U.S. Senate support for Israel in the "plane package" and the ascendancy of the United States administration's efforts to undermine Israel's position. A recent Harris poll is reported to indicate that two-thirds of U.S. Jews were dissatisfied with Begin's policies.

How can a community be led to anything other than confusion, upset and even disenchantment when, among those who claim to lead, are those who embark upon the ruinous road of paternalistic backseat driving? Philip Klutznick, World Jewish Congress president, participates in lofty public advice to Israel on negotiations. Arthur Hertzberg, former president of the

American Jewish Congress, (thank goodness, not the umbrella organization in the United States that its name might indicate to Canadian Jews), proclaims Israel's policy as "indefensible".

What is the Jewish man in the street to think? What has happened to leadership in the Diaspora?

Klutznick, who may consider himself a Goldmann, feels entitled to emulate his predecessor's contrariness. But he is no Goldmann — and his constituency should clearly disavow his pronouncements.

Hertzberg, in his own need to capture the limelight, makes statements about the Israeli government in Hebrew in Israel which he ingenuously says he would never make in English in the United States.

And now a group of 37 "prominent" Jews in the U.S. hurry to get on the bandwagon, with a statement supportive of the Peace Now group in Israel. They may represent several intellectuals, but one has to doubt, along with Israel's prime minister, their "seichel".

Until the Jewish communities of the world produce leaders worthy of their names with enough insight and steadfastness to lead to places other than dark corners of confusion and fright, we will continue to witness the spectacle of our nominal spokesmen unwittingly doing the work of our enemies. It is a tragic historical ring to it. In a world which isolates Israel and would isolate the other Jewish communities, Israel and we deserve better.

Donald Carr is a Toronto lawyer and community leader.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Montreal 'organizers, professors' attacked 'for mentality of guilt and appeasement'

Dear Editor:

In the past few months, there have appeared in the Jewish press an increasing number of articles detailing the soul-searching and misgivings of Quebec Jews re their relationship to their present provincial government. The culmination of these was spread over the front page of The Canadian Jewish News — May 12 (Quebec Jews Faulted). Here we were treated to the criticisms and admonishments of "prominent Montreal speakers" — berating the Jewish community for "failing to integrate, etc."

I wonder how many Jews in Canada stared in horror at words so reminiscent of the apologetics which prevailed in the early days of the Nazi regime.

I was astounded at the allegation that Jews — because they are Jews — must applaud the efforts of a racist provincial government? As I read the report I became convinced that these "professors", "intellectuals", etc. were accepting a basic premise about Jews in Quebec, that these Jews were different from other Quebec anglophones; that these Jews had certain freedoms and rights only through the generosity and tolerance of the Quebec government; and that these Jews were not really Canadians — with all the rights and liberties that every Canadian enjoys.

I am horrified that in 1978 — in Canada — a cringing mentality of guilt, of fear, of appeasement has appeared and is being fostered by "professors", "organizers", etc. Where is your pride in your contributions to Quebec, to Canada and to the world? I share with these Jews their concern that the federal government and the courts have not set aside these laws of a repressive government.

This concern is being highlighted almost daily by the flight of business and people — mainly anglophone gentiles. Surely all these people cannot be wallowing in a sea of shame and guilt for not "integrating themselves" into a francophone society. I reject completely the concept that Jews in Quebec will not be "interfered with" as long as they remain "good corporate citizens". Such a declaration from the minister of finance

should be treated with the contempt it deserves. The Jews must not accept the thesis that their existence in Quebec depends on the sufficiency and goodwill of a despotic government.

Finally I would urge Jews in Quebec not to attend meetings where only your mistakes, your guilt, your failures are explored. Be proud of your heritage and remember your accomplishments. I hope many readers will give their support and encourage you to stand firm in the face of opposition.

M.L. Mador,
Toronto

Blaming Israel

Dear Editor:

I dare venture to say that if, perchance, Israel had backed former Katangan president Moïse Tshombe's fight for political secession in the early 1960s with either fire-arms, troops, or technical advisors, somehow, no matter how far-fetched from reality, Third World and Marxist nations would attach some blame on her for the recent invasion and unrest in Shaba province.

Jerry Lerman,
Toronto

Religious pluralism

Dear Editor:

I find it hard to comprehend Rabbi Wolfe Kelman's advice to the Conservative movement "to give back to Judaism the concept of religious pluralism" and I am shocked at his outrageous accusation against the Chassidic movement, which he alleged has become "the most repressive and reactionary movement in Jewish life."

To the best of my knowledge, religious pluralism was initiated by the various factions which have broken away from traditional Judaism, to offer less demanding alternatives to Torah true Judaism. The issue of religious pluralism, I leave for Rabbi Kelman. However, to his charge lodged against the Chassidic movement, I must object.

The Chassidic movement, founded by the

Baal Shem Tov, taught that Judaism is the property of all Jews and every Jew, regardless of background, is perfectly capable of serving his Creator. Terms such as "repressive and reactionary" do not describe the philosophy or the attitude of the Baal Shem Tov and his successors' teachings.

Today, we are all witnessing a tremendous influx of teenagers and young adults, embracing Yiddishkeit in the fullest measure, as it was practiced from the day "we all stood at Mt. Sinai." Among them are families from communities and cities where there is not an Orthodox or Chassidic institution. Perhaps this genuine interest can be attributed to a "return to our roots."

Rabbi Z. Aaron Grossbaum,
Lubavitch Youth Organization,
Toronto

Note of deletion

Dear Editor:

I commend Jewish Family & Child Service and The CJN for making available the Family News insert in your newspaper. It is an important means of keeping the Jewish community aware of its varied activities.

I would, however, like to make note of a deletion from the Family News volunteer department list of organization-sponsored affairs. The Men's Mizrahi Organization of Toronto has recently invited members of the JF&CS staff and clients to our Chanuka party at the Ulpanot Orot Yeshiva as well as to our gala concert at the O'Keefe Centre, where more than 40 complimentary tickets were distributed on behalf of JF&CS.

As a community-minded organization, it has been our privilege to invite JF&CS to join us at our affairs.

Edwin Schild,
acting executive director,
Men's Mizrahi of Toronto

He's astounded

Dear Editor:

Boruch Hashem! The editor of The Canadian Jewish News has found something else with which he can continue to

criticize the democratically elected government of Israel. When will he, and others with a similar Galut mentality, realize that continued editorial comment against the negotiating policy of the Begin government only strengthens the hands of those that would destroy the state.

The "Regrettable Issue" editorial in the May 21 issue can only add fuel to the fire of those that foster the actions that may have caused the over-reaction by the Israel governor and army in Shomron. When all of us have as much love for Eretz Yisroel, as Menachem Begin, and realize that the West Bank is part and parcel of Eretz Yisroel, that the West Bank is historical Yehuda and Shomron, then, and only then, will the world respond to Medinat Yisroel in an equitable fashion.

The final paragraph — "Israelis who dream of a Greater Israel" is vicious in its deeper meaning. If not for the dreams of 2,000 years where would Medinat Yisroel be? Where would we all be? Israel is not occupying any territory between the Mediterranean and the Jordan that does not legitimately belong to the Jewish people. Those one million Arabs who happen to live in Yehuda and Shomron at present, do so solely at the hospitality of the Jewish state. If they are unhappy with their lot, then they can move to some place that will treat them more democratically.

Let all of us who live in the security of Galut leave the negotiating for security in the hands of the government of Israel. If the editorial staff of The CJN wishes to participate in this decision-making process, then let them become citizens of that country, live in that region of the world, and then they can give opinions. Only those who live in Eretz Yisroel, who are exposed to the dangers, can legitimately negotiate a peace settlement with its neighbors for its citizens.

Continuous negative comments by any Jew against the negotiating stance adopted by the present government can only weaken its bargaining strength and result in a settlement that is not in the best interests of the Medinat Yisroel or Klal Yisroel.

Dr. Yehudi Shields,
Downsview, Ont.

Carter's moral obligation to Israel

Translating responsibility into deeds

By J.B. SALSBERG
(Second of two columns)

Last week, I focused attention on what I consider to be unrealistic approaches to Israel's painful dilemmas at this crucial hour.

I loathe the cynicism at whatever level it makes an appearance. But no one can ignore the universal lesson of politics, and especially so in the realm of international relationships, that politics is the art of the possible. No statesman can ignore this historic lesson, which has become almost a principle in the craft of state leadership.

That's why I am so amazed when I hear or read the arguments bolstering policies which seem to ignore the realities of the present international scene. I can understand those who offer biblical quotations to justify our claims to certain areas in the ancient land. I am also able to follow the reasoning of those outside the Orthodox circles who base

similar claims on historic rights and who produce maps of ancient Eretz Israel to prove claims.

But, I ask myself, what makes those well-meaning friends think that a biblical quotation or an ancient map is a clinching argument in our disputations with the world? When, indeed, did the world treat the "people of the book" in accordance with the lessons or the injunctions of that "book"? If the answer is never, then why should they expect today's superpowers or superstates to change their ways and accept the Bible and our ancient maps as their guidelines?

Yes, I know, of course, of the popular Israeli saying that an Israeli who doesn't believe in miracles isn't a realist. But what are we to do with a world whose realism isn't based on miracles, or the Bible, or historic maps — but on oil, trade, investments and strategic military bases? Yes, what are we to do in the face of such selfish, self-seeking realism on the part of the powers that be?

Similarly puzzling propositions are being advanced in the U.S., where the largest Jewish community in the world is appraising the defeat we suffered by the 54-44 vote in the Senate in favor of arming Saudi Arabia and Egypt with jets.

One hears and reads arguments that the chief cause of the defeat was the failure of both Israeli and American Jewry to emphasize the fact that the United States needs Israel as much, or even more, than Israel needs the U.S.

The argument is that Israel is the only democratic state in the Middle East; that Israel is a stable friend of the West and

that Arab states, like Saudi Arabia, are unreliable and their governments could be toppled overnight and be replaced by anti-American regimes.

Well, with all due respect to those who make a big point out of this, I must say that, although American public opinion is and can be more influential in shaping government policy (example, the Vietnam war) than elsewhere in the world, their proposals are more than a bit naive.

When and where did the democratic nature of a country affect the foreign policies of America, Britain, France, Russia or China? Yes, and have our well-meaning, but naive, Jewish analysts forgotten the iron rule of international politics that says that a state has no permanent friends and no permanent enemies but only permanent interests? It's a horrifying truism, but it's true.

The champions of the Carter message to the Senate were quite blunt. It concerned, they said plainly, oil, trade and the building of the pro-American bloc in that part of the world. And Senator Abraham Ribicoff (a "practicing" Jew, as they say nowadays) served Carter well, by advancing the proposition to American Jewry in this manner: "Whereas America is Israel's best friend and, whereas, Saudi Arabia supplies the oil for the U.S., therefore, it is as clear as the nose on one's face, that giving fighter planes to the Saudis will assure the flow of oil to America, America will thus remain strong and Israel will have a strong America to fall back on."

How is that for an illogical argument? All that Ribicoff failed to add was that

Israel will be able to call on the U.S. for help if she should be bombed by the U.S.-built fighters that Washington provided Saudi Arabia in order to receive the oil to keep her strong so as to be able to help Israel.

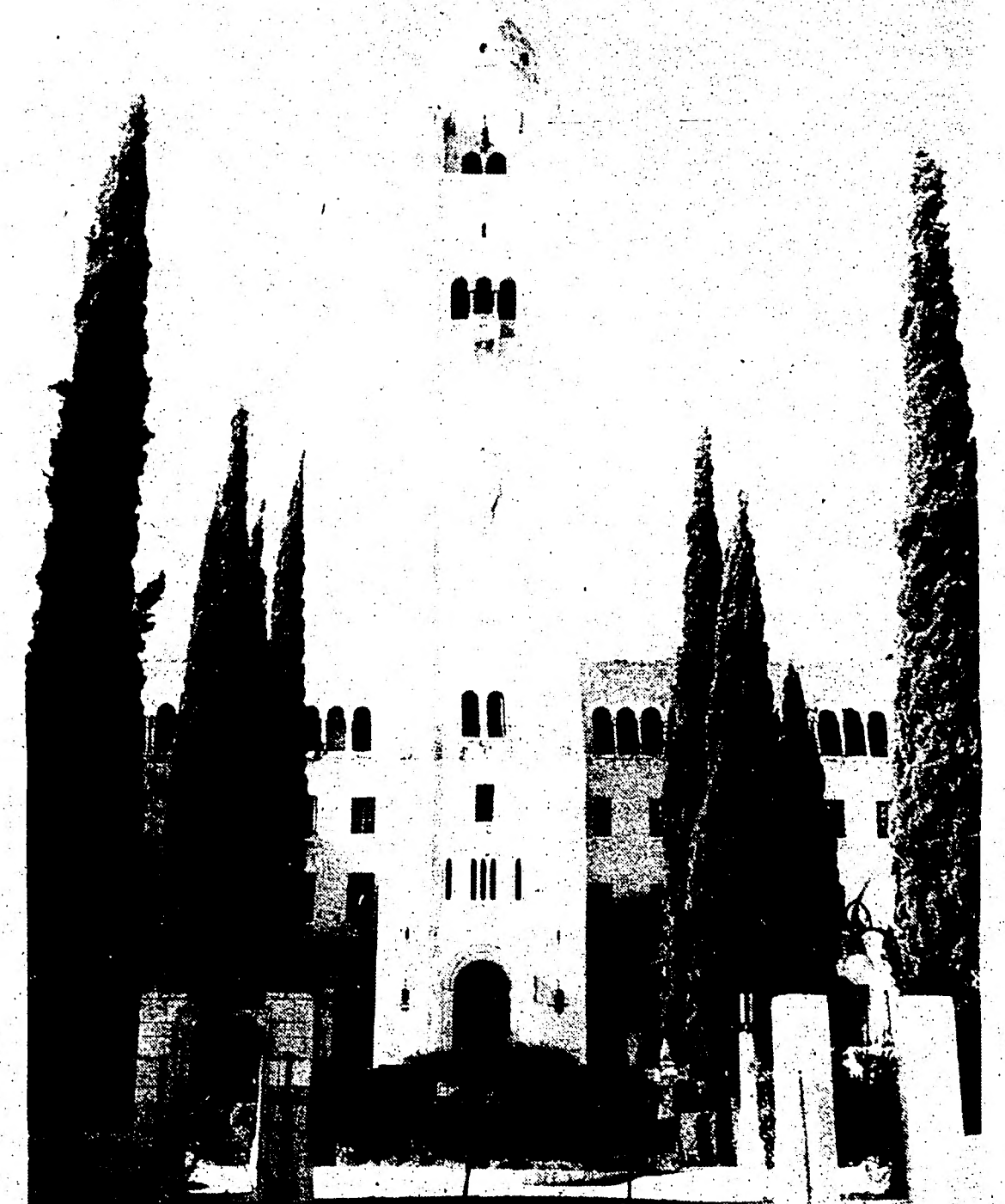
It is bewildering, no? But I think that Rabbi Alexander Schindler, the chairman of the influential Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, is suggesting a few meaningful steps that American Jewry might take at this time.

Schindler seems to say that what's happened has happened. But Carter kept on assuring America and Israel that his arms package deal is not aimed against Israel; that he remains dedicated to Israel's safety; and that the supplying of military aircraft to Saudi Arabia and Egypt will open the doors to peace in the Middle East.

Schindler suggests that Carter has thus assumed a great moral obligation and responsibility. So let us concentrate on getting the White House to translate the responsibility into demonstrable deeds.

In other words, Schindler seems to say to Carter: What about resuming the peace negotiations between Egypt and Israel? What about Saudi Arabia, now that it is getting the arms, cutting off its financial commitments to the terrorist gangs? How about getting Syria and Jordan to join a genuine peace effort?

In the welter of confused and confusing talk one hears now, after the Senate vote, Schindler seems to make sense. His thoughts are worth developing and carrying out.



Jerusalem's Young Men's Christian Association building is an imposing structure. Unlike most institutions, the 'Y' remains apart from the inter-communal squabbles in the area.

'Love thy neighbor' motto of YMCA in Jerusalem

By ILAN SEIDNER
World Zionist Organization

JERUSALEM —

In the Middle East, where the biblical injunction "to love thy neighbor" has not always been observed, one institution begins its second century in the Holy Land an exception to the rule.

The Jerusalem International YMCA (known affectionately as Imka from its Hebrew abbreviation) was founded in 1878 by the Rev. B. Cnaan, who adopted the aims and purposes of the London YMCA and wrote out a constitution in Arabic. Since Ottoman Turkish times, continuing on through British Mandate rule and up to the present day, the 'Y's membership has come from the new city of Jerusalem.

This means that of the 3,500 men, women and children who use Imka's facilities, 90% of them are Jewish. And more striking than that, according to Rizek-Abushaar, adult membership director and public relations officer (who is a Christian Arab), there are about 100 yeshiva students who are permanent members. Yet this statistic hasn't caused a furor among the ultra Orthodox community or given cause to a single demonstration in Mea Shearim.

The reason, as one teenage boy wearing a black yarmulke and tzitzit commented while sitting in Abushaar's office, is "there is nothing strange about religious Jews using the 'Y'. The activities here don't touch on religion at all. So why not?"

Abu shaar explains further: "As our physical education program is strictly divided between the sexes, many Orthodox men and women feel that they can use our facilities without transgressing on religious laws."

The ecumenical spirit that prevails in the 'Y' is carried over into the work force. Of the 80 employees, one-third are Jewish, one-third Christian and one-third Moslem. Even the physical education director is Jewish.

The 'Y' is probably one of the city's more

attractive pieces of architecture, situated opposite the famous King David Hotel on ground acquired from the Holy Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem. The modern Byzantine edifice was opened to the public in 1933. Stone for the construction was taken from a quarry at the site, their predominant tones being reddish brown and ochre, thereby blending in with the natural colors of the city.

On the facade of the central building beneath the cornices three scriptures are engraved. On the northside written in Hebrew is the "Shema". On the southern exposure written in Arabic is the credo "There is no G-d but Allah". And in the centre an Aramaic engraving of Jesus' command "I am the way".

Inside the auditorium, which seats 672, is the famous pipe organ, the largest in the Middle East. The organ contains 2,917 pipes, was built in 1932 in America and was donated by Juilliard Foundation as a gift. It is worth more than 1,000,000 Israeli pounds. Recitals are held every Saturday morning.

Complementing the solemn sound of the organ is another unique musical instrument, the YMCA carillon, whose bells ring from atop the Jesus Tower. It is comprised of 35 bells. On Sundays, special holidays and from the months of April to October when recitals are offered, the joyous sound of the chimes may be heard throughout the city.

Perhaps the most important building for the 'Y's membership is the auditorium that also houses the swimming pool. Above the pool is the gymnasium containing basketball, squash and handball courts. Outside lies a tennis area and in the rear of the 'Y' is a 10,000-seat outdoor stadium that has been home to the popular Jerusalem Betar soccer team since 1953.

In an area where differences of religion have led to warfare, the Jerusalem international 'Y' remains apart from the divisiveness of inter-communal squabbles. Interfaith co-operation comes naturally.

Organizations and People



what's new

By MIRIAM HERMAN

BBYO HOUSE 10 YEARS OLD

Ten years ago, the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization building on Hove Street was officially opened. BBYO is marking the occasion at its annual board meeting this Tuesday, June 13, at 8:15 p.m. by dedicating a scholarship fund in honor of E. James Cooper, a past BB district president and one of the prime movers behind this building. Also on the agenda will be a discussion on Youth Culture: Ten Years Later, by Elliot Larman, director of the Jewish Family Life program of Jewish Family and Child Service.

CONGRESS ARCHIVES PROJECT

For the third consecutive summer, Congress Central Region archives has been the recipient of a grant, under the Student Community Service Program of the Secretary of State, to gather Jewish archival material throughout Ontario. This year, university graduates Elaine Kahn, Larry Troster and Mark Verman are working for the 14-week summer period. This is part of an ongoing project of Central Region archives to document Jewish communities in the province.

REPORT ON MIDEAST TRIP

Prof. Harry Crowe, chairman, Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East, and Sally Zerkler and Irving Abella of York University, will participate in a symposium entitled *Report on Egypt, Jordan and Israel* at Beth Tzedec Congregation on Wednesday, the 14th, at 8:30 p.m. The three academics have just returned from a study mission meeting with Arab and Israeli spokesmen on Mideast problems. Their visits to the Middle East is part of a regular series of visits sponsored by the Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East.

KOACH LUNCHEON

The annual Koach luncheon put on by Ontario Branch of Women's League for Conservative Judaism takes place this Wednesday, the 14th, at 12:30 at the home of Pauline Wolfman, 40 Old English Lane, Thornhill. This event is for sisterhood members who have contributed to the Torah fund, which goes towards maintenance of the Matilda Schechter Hall and programs of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

ABOUT ILEITIS AND COLITIS

Also on Wednesday, the 14th, at a general meeting of the Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis, Dr. Ralph Warren of St. Michael's Hospital will be discussing *Drugs Used in Inflammatory Bowel Diseases*. The time is 8 p.m. at the hospital.

SISTERHOOD ANNIVERSARY

Pride of Israel Sisterhood celebrates its 35th anniversary at an installation dinner set for Tuesday, the 13th, at 6:30 p.m. at the temple. Incoming president

is Deanna Jubas who succeeds Sally Smith.

UJA FASHION SHOW AND TEA

Another Sunday, the 11th, event is Congregation Hahonim's UJA spring fashion show and tea slated for 2:30 at the synagogue, 12 Hollaman Rd.

SINGLES NEWS

The Shalom Group 2 dance at Rotherham Hotel, 808 Mount Pleasant Rd., on Saturday, the 10th, begins with a dance lesson at 8 p.m. followed by the disco dance at 9. For information, call Danny at 787-8087 or Joy at 488-5035.

Also on Saturday, the 10th, the Labor Zionist Alliance Young Professionals (18-35) has arranged a house party starting at 8:30 p.m. at 19 Hillmount Ave.

WORKMEN'S CIRCLE CLUB

A phone call on behalf of Workmen's Circle Social Club informs us that the appeal made by member David Wasserman at their recent Mother's Day luncheon raised \$250 for the Israeli Widows and Orphans of the Fallen Heroes fund, not \$200 as previously reported by them. And another correction — the vice-president is Ethel White.

SHAAR SHALOM SERVICES

Shaar Shalom Synagogue is now holding its Saturday morning services at Markham Place, the shopping plaza at the north-east corner of Don Mills and Steeles. The suite number is 220.

PROGRAMMERS TAKE NOTE

Looking for a program for the fall? The Centre for Creative Living choral group is open for bookings. This group of 25 men and women, under the direction of Esther Ghan Firestone accompanied by pianist Sara Barkin, has been performing for senior citizen and other organizations. The repertoire includes Russian, Jewish, Hebrew and English songs. If you are interested, call Mrs. Gertner at 630-1755 or the centre office at 630-3200.

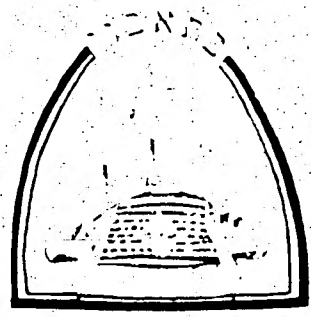
UNIVERSITY DISCO

On Sunday, the 10th, at Winters College at York University, there's a super summer disco, from 9 p.m. on, sponsored by the Jewish Student Federation.

COURSE IN YIDDISH LIT.

A note from York University English Professor Miriam Waddington tells us that she is preparing to give a course in Yiddish literature in translation starting next September. The course, *Realism and Comedy in Yiddish Literature in Translation*, will deal with the major classic writers of the 19th and early 20th centuries. Seminars will meet once a week for three hours. Prof. Waddington writes "this is, as far as I know, the first time such a course has been offered in the regular day program at York — certainly the first time in the English department."

Tried and tested recipes

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appetit

By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

There are many and various cookbooks published these days, including: coffee-table volumes that concentrate on some

ethnic style of cookery with lots of anecdotes, attractive line drawings, and yummy photographs as well as the spate of workmanlike "how-to" books — how to bake bread, freeze and pre-

serve food, grow your own vegetables. Generally, the idea now seems to be to produce a book that is a pleasure to own from the literary and artistic point of view, as much as for the contribution the recipes in it make to one's own repertoire.

But for those who prefer the more traditional styles of cookbooks, nothing can beat those compiled and produced by the voluntary organizations to raise money for their causes. The recipes are tried and tested, and usually family favorites — the kind of items one would be happy to add to one's repertoire.

Here is an excellent new example of this style of cookbook: *What's Cooking Around the World?* It is published by Chug Tzameret in aid of the Jerusalem Mental Health Centre — Ezrath Nashim, which is Israel's only non-profit voluntary hospital for the care of the mentally

ill, and the practice of preventive psychiatry.

Despite the fact that the book was not prepared by a professional editorial staff, it is unusually well produced. The size is convenient, the print is clear, and the text is interspersed with full-page photographs to illustrate methods.

There are over 360 pages of recipes under the usual headings. Most of them have been submitted by "Anglo Saxons" from different parts of the world, who have brought their favorite dishes with them, and also adapted Israeli dishes to their own tastes, making for a book that can be used without any problems by people outside Israel.

Mrs. Kollek and Mrs. Begin contribute recipes, and there are also several pages of recipes contributed by the diplomatic and UN corps serving in Israel. Wife of the Cana-

dian ambassador Mrs. Edward G. Lee offers, among other dishes, a tempting-looking recipe for Ontario pumpkin bread. CJN readers will undoubtedly recognize other Canadians among the contributors to this book.

What's Cooking Around the World? costs \$5, but remember to add on the cost for return postage. It can be obtained from Florence Gur-Arye, 3 Etzel Street, French Hill Jerusalem. Here are three recipes I particularly liked, but among so many delicious alternatives, it was difficult to make a choice.

Meat with Sesame Sauce (Tehina)

In a flat griller or cake pan, broil small meatballs or hamburgers. When they are nearly done, spoon over tehina sauce and continue to grill until the tahina is browned. Serve in the same pan.

Tehina Sauce

1/2 cup tehina (not ready mixed, but the packaged basic raw material)
lemon juice
cold water

freshly pressed garlic
freshly chopped parsley
basil and oregano

Add the juice of 1 lemon (at least) to the tehina, and pour on about 1/4 cup of water. Stir patiently with a spoon until the mixture, having "come apart" coalesces once again to yield a thick, creamy beige paste. Taste, add more lemon juice if needed. Add the garlic, parsley, basil and oregano. (Dilute slightly if necessary with water to make spooning it over the pan easier.)

Rakote Krumpli - Hungarian Dish

4 large boiled potatoes
3 hardcooked eggs
3/4 cup sour cream
1/2 cup margarine or butter
7 oz. kosher yellow cheese
breadcrumbs

Butter pan generously. Cover with bread crumbs on bottom and sides. Slice potatoes in quarter-inch slices. Layer potatoes, egg slices, sour cream and yellow cheese slices. Season to taste. Final layer: potato slices, breadcrumbs and chunks of margarine or butter. These melt and create a lovely crust. Bake 50 mins. in a 350° oven.

Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Cake

1 3/4 cups boiling water
1 3/4 cups quick or old fashioned oatmeal
1 3/4 cups lightly packed brown sugar
1 3/4 cups white sugar
3 1/2 tbsps. margarine
2 extra large eggs
12 oz. pkg. semi-sweet chocolate bits
1/2 tsp. salt
1 3/4 cups unsifted flour
1 tsp. baking soda
3/4 cup chopped walnuts

Pour boiling water over oatmeal, let stand at room temperature 10 mins. Add brown and white sugar and margarine. Stir until margarine melts. Add eggs, mix well. Sift together flour, soda, salt, cocoa. Add to sugar mixture. Mix well. Add 1/2 pkg. chocolate bits to batter. Pour batter into greased and floured 9 x 12 inch pan. Sprinkle remaining chocolate bits and walnuts on top. Bake at 350° for about 40 mins.

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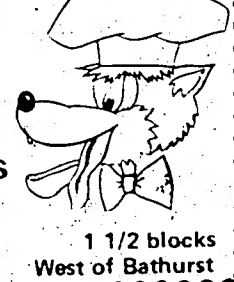
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Rabbi Steven Riskin

Guest speaker at the annual dinner of the Associated Hebrew Schools slated for Thursday, June 22, will be Rabbi Steven Riskin of Lincoln Square Synagogue, New York. A noted educator, lecturer and author, he is also dean of the Joseph Shapiro Academy of Higher Jewish Studies and founder and dean of Manhattan Hebrew High Schools, as well as assistant professor of Talmud at the James Striar School of Yeshiva University. Guest artist will be Cantor Harold Klein, who will be appearing with the Shaarei Shomayim Choir conducted by David Young.

Thomas O. Hecht, deputy president of the Canadian Zionist Federation and a former national chairman of the United Israel Appeal, was named one of the three recipients of this year's Herzl Award, along with scientist Edward Teller and cellist Janos Starker. The award is presented every three years to prominent personalities of Hungarian descent who have made a significant contribution to Jewish life in the Diaspora and to Israel. The presentation was made by Israel President Yitzhak Navon at ceremonies in Tel Aviv last week.

Rabbi Michael Celniker is being honored by his former congregation, Beth Torah, at a special Shavuot service and kiddush this Sunday, June 11, at 8:30 a.m. The tribute address, to be delivered

by the synagogue's present spiritual leader Rabbi Solomon Domb, will be based on the doctoral thesis Rabbi Celniker presented for his PhD in Near Eastern Studies which he received from the University of Toronto.

Toronto lawyer Marvin Zuker, 36, has been appointed a fulltime judge of the Small Claims Court as of July 1. A professor of law in the business administration department of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, he is also the author of numerous articles dealing with legal issues. He will preside in the judicial district of York.

Aya Dinstein will be the guest speaker at an Israel Bond luncheon for members of the women's division prime minister's club and ambassador's society of trustees division. The luncheon will be held at the home of Elaine Kay, wife of James Kay, 235 Warren Rd., on Wednesday, June 21, at 12:30. Mrs. Dinstein chaired the executive of Women's International Zionist Organization for an unprecedented 12 years. Recently re-elected for another four-year term, she had to relinquish the post to accompany her diplomat husband, Zvi, to the U.S. He is currently serving as Israel's economic minister to Canada and the U.S. Space is limited for this function, so if you are interested, call the Bond office at 789-3351.

At the convocation ceremonies at the University of Toronto this Monday, the 12th, Canadian Jewish Congress president Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut and Sidney Hermant, chairman of the Royal Ontario Museum's board of trustees, will receive honorary doctor of law degrees.

Dorothy Reisman of Toronto, a past president of National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, was installed as vice-president of the International Council of Jewish Women at its convention in Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Abraham Harman, wife of the Hebrew University president, installed her, and A.L. Graham, Canadian vice-consul here, attended the ceremony.

The NCJW of Canada held its annual meeting prior to the international convention. Forty-three women attended.

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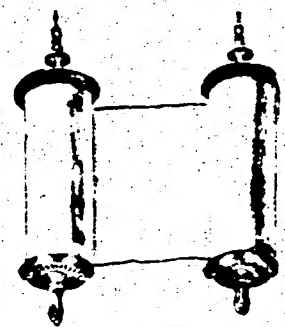
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By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Bamidbar Shavuos 5738/Yiskor [Monday]
Kee asher tailchee ailaich... Wither thou goest,
I shall go

There can be no Judaism without kindness. When a Jew is selfish, G-d keeps far away.

Reb Chaim Leib, who was a rabbi in Smargan, struggled to make ends meet. The town had a wealthy miser from whom to get an extra dollar was like pulling teeth.

Once the miser met Reb Chaim and asked him how he was making a living. "If I had five baalai batim like you, I would have no problems," he answered. The miser's face lit up.

"You don't understand," Reb Chaim explained. "The trouble is I have 100 like you."

We read the book of Ruth on Shavuos. Why? But our rabbis noted: the book of Ruth has no laws in it, no pure and impure, so why was it included in the Torah? But it teaches the reward of those who practise kindness, like the kindness Ruth extended to her poor mother-in-law.

And that's why we read it on Shavuos. On Shavuos the Jews received the Torah from Mount Sinai. A Jew is liable to get so enthralled and inspired, he would lock himself in a library and study Torah day and night. So we read the book of Ruth to remind him — Torah also has to be mixed with it *gmilus chessed*, kindness to others. You have to leave your books a few minutes and see who needs help.

When a person seeks honors for doing charity, he spoils the whole mitzva.

We see from the book of Ruth how different Judaism is from any other religion.

Imagine... no less than 45 times the Torah warns that we must love a *ger*, a convert to Judaism. A true convert is just like a natural-born Jew. And yet when Ruth and Orpah, two Moabite women, offered to convert to Judaism, Naomi, their mother-in-law, tried to discourage them three times. "Shovnah bnai, shovnah... Go back, my daughters, go back!"

Orpah gave up, but Ruth persisted and became the great-grandmother of David, king of Israel, from whom the messiah will spring.

Why do we give a potential *ger* a hard time? But it shows. To be a Jew is not just lip service, a vow. It is the yoke of keeping Torah and commandments that must be assumed, and only on that basis can a convert be accepted. It's very demanding.

But today we live in a *hefker* world. Rules, formalities, halachot, traditions — big deal! But the truth is... those contemplating conversion should realize that, as a bare minimum, conversion requires a recognized *beit din*, acceptance of all commandments, circumcision for men, and ritual immersion in a mikva for both men and women.

Everything done with taste is beautiful.

A formerly wealthy Warsaw Jew came running to Reb Zaimel Kleppesh. He had to marry off his daughter; there were hundreds of friends he "must" invite, but he couldn't afford it.

Reb Zaimel answered, "Two weddings are mentioned in the Bible, that of Laban the swindler, and Boaz the *tzadik*. Laban was a swindler, he had nothing, but he invited the whole town. What did he care if he couldn't afford it? Let his debtors worry."

"Boaz was wealthy, but he invited only 10 men, the elders of the city... Just 10, no more — and old men at that, without teeth, their appetites gone, so he wouldn't have to serve much. But it was still a good wedding..." (Fun Unzer Alten Oitser)

Shabbat Shalom and a Guttun Yom Tov.



Premier William Davis presents a cheque for \$1,002,950 to officers of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. The funds, from the Ministry of Community and Social Services, constitute half the deficit of Jewish Home for the Aged and Baycrest Terrace for the years 1976 and 1977. On hand for the occasion are (from left) Eric Exton, chairman of the board, Dr. Robert Elgie, parliamentary assistant to the Ontario minister of community and social services and Edwin Goldstein, president of the Baycrest Centre.

Rabbi Monson, wife lauded by Shaare Zedek Foundation

By VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO — Rabbi David Monson, spiritual leader of Beth Shalom Synagogue, and his wife, Sue, were honored last week by the Canadian Shaare Zedek Foundation at a testimonial dinner at the Royal York Hotel.

An estimated 1,200 people, each paying \$100-a-plate, came to pay tribute to Monson, "as a revered, compassionate and committed leader, who unstintingly gives of himself to the needs of others." His wife was unable to attend due to illness.

A special diagnostic centre in Jerusalem's new, \$45 million Shaare Zedek Medical Centre is being named after the Monsons.

Despite the retinue of many distinguished guests, the highlight of the evening was guest speaker Chaim Potok, award-winning author of four books and one soon-to-be-

published novel, *Wanderings*.

In his address, the author explained that his presence was mainly attributable to the fact that the lives of three of his friends were saved at Shaare Zedek and that his close friend, Dr. David Maier, director-general of the hospital, was a pediatric surgeon there.

In large part, the author discussed the art of writing stories, remarking that it has not achieved its deserving place in Jewish tradition.

"Our tradition has accorded no particular significance to this endeavor. In the hierarchy of Jewish values, highest on the rung of achievement is scholarship, particularly Talmudic scholarship; and very close to that is medicine. Very low, somewhere along the floor, is this business of writing stories," he said.

During his talk, Potok dwelled on his early years in New York City and the

force that drove him to write.

He was raised in a traditional home, studied Talmud and attended a Jewish parochial high school. At the age of 14 or 15, Potok said that he already knew that he wanted to write Jewish stories, much to the disdain of his teachers.

This sudden compulsion came to him as he read a novel by Evelyn Waugh, about an upper class British Catholic family and the unwavering faith that bind them together. From that point on, the power of words and the reality that they created on blank sheets of paper became truer to life than his own life, remarked Potok.

He said that central to his novels is the role of the rebel, the iconoclast, who feels at odds with the games people play. That, juxtaposed against the culture confrontation of Western secular humanism, is the focal point of his ideology.

Maier, director-general of Shaare Zedek, presented Monson with a citation, praising him as a great humanitarian who is not a "closet rabbi," but a man who devotes his energy to the needs of the community and Israel.

Maier, who came from Jerusalem specially to attend the testimonial, said that it was appropriate that the new laboratory bear his name, in order to create a "marriage of science and humanism," lacking in medicine.

Those attending the Toronto prayer service, sponsored by various Jewish organizations, donned yellow stars to display their solidarity with Soviet Jews. The order of services included a poetry reading by Jeanette Goldman, singing by BatSheva Paul and textual readings by Linda Paton and Sophie Selzer.

Edward Romm, assistant rabbi of Adath Israel, conducted the religious service, and emphasized the urgency of the Soviet Jewry problem. "For us, there may be a next year but for them, it may be their last chance."



Rabbi David Monson

Some of the guests in attendance were: Paul Godfrey, Metro chairman; Mel Lastman, mayor of North York; Phil White, mayor of York; Toronto Police Chief Harold Adamson; Eric Exton, chairman of the board of Baycrest Geriatric Centre, and Kurt Rothschild, national president of the Shaare Zedek Foundation.

Those involved in the proceedings were: Sam Blank, president of Beth Shalom; Cantor Samuel Frankel and Rabbi Mendel Kirshenblatt of the same synagogue; Joseph Tanenbaum, Toronto philanthropist; Archdeacon Arthur Brown, representing the Christian community; Larry Grossman, provincial minister of consumer and commercial relations; Matti Golan, Toronto acting consul-general, and retired rabbi David Kirshenbaum from London, Ont.

Former prime minister John Diefenbaker was to be one of the speakers but was unable to attend because of illness.

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Tubby Cole of UJA described as 'untapped natural resource'

TORONTO —

Tubby Cole, the retiring campaign chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, was described this week as "an untapped natural resource — a combination of boundless energy with a tremendous capacity for getting things done."

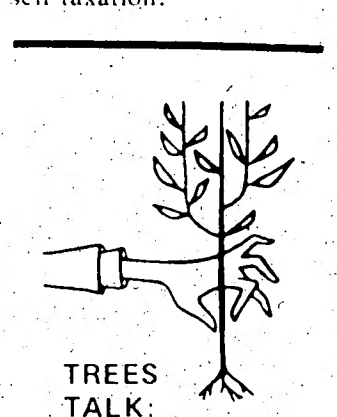
Speaking at the campaign closing dinner, held at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, Hy Isenbaum, in paying tribute to Cole, said that "those who have worked with him on the 1978 campaign since last June had the privilege of watching a human dynamo in action. Tubby just doesn't do anything in half measures."

Isenbaum, who was major gifts chairman, said that "when we started planning, Tubby was determined to actively involve more people than ever before on every level of the campaign... and he did! He created a veritable population explosion of team chairmen and canvassers and the result was one of the most successful fund-raising efforts of the Jewish community in Toronto's history."

In his response to the tribute, Cole praised the 1,500 volunteers who made up the UJA canvassing team and said they were motivated by their dedication "to the continuity of Jewish life in Canada, in Israel and throughout the world."

He said that "we did everything possible to honor our commitment to Judaism because as representatives of the community, it was our responsibility to raise the necessary funds."

He noted that UJA canvassers do not have the legal powers of assessment. "Ours," he said, "is a moral authority, based on thousands of years of tradition that Jews help Jews. Our key word is *tzedaka* — which in UJA terms means voluntary assessment and self-taxation."



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Cole conceded that "the voluntary part of it often poses a problem because not everybody sees things our way." But, he said, "when you hear that we obtained more than 30,000 gifts in the 1978 campaign, you will appreciate the fact that the UJA team has done a thorough and commendable job."

Addressing himself to Prime Minister Trudeau, who was guest speaker at the dinner, Cole said that "it is fortunate the Jews of Canada, living in total freedom and in a friendly, compassionate atmosphere, can keep our commitment to the Jewish people. Our commitment to Canada and to national unity is strengthened by our intense devotion to the continuity of Jewish life."

Speaking in French, Cole thanked the prime minister for accepting the UJA's invitation to attend the dinner and said that

"this is a significant moment in our 30-year history."

Cole reviewed the 1978 campaign highlights and paid tribute to his deputy chairman, Allan Offman, who he described as "one of the principal architects of the campaign. He is a master strategist and an imaginative planner. He is no armchair general and is an active campaigner."

Cole announced that Offman was selected as the 1978 UJA Man of the Year and presented him with a plaque.

Cole announced also that Dr. Gerry Halbert will serve as 1979 general campaign chairman and Penny Offman will be chairman of the women's division. Michael Koskie has been named co-chairman with Jack Chisvin of the campaign cabinet and executive.

Jack Chisvin was master of ceremonies of the dinner program.

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Canadians ignore problem of Soviet Jews' rights: Intrator

By JEFF BIEEN

TORONTO — Canadians have been brought up in a free society in which they have taken basic rights for granted and therefore continue to ignore problems in the USSR, says Genya Intrator, vice-chairman, Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry.

Speaking at a prayer service held last week at Adath Israel Synagogue, she said: "It would never occur to us to think that if we wanted to go to another country, we could not go. That if we want to raise our children in any tradition we choose, whether it is Buddhist or Seventh Adventist, we can. Therefore, there are women who are raising these particular questions and the world does not pay attention."

A group of about 50 individuals, mostly women, gathered for the prayer service held on the International Day for the Defence of Children and parading a demonstration by 25 women and 17 children at the Lenin library in Moscow.

The Moscow women are long-time Refuseniks and have been separated from their families who have

lived in Israel for many years. They appealed to the Soviet authorities requesting reasons for denial of their exit visas to Israel and received "vague promises and deceitful tactics," said Mrs. Intrator.

They have appealed to women's organizations and associations throughout the world for support and are urging Jews to write letters to newspapers, Soviet ambassadors and President Leonid Brezhnev.

"As matters presently stand, cases of Refuseniks are reviewed once a year. The refusal is given verbally until the next review the following year. Some Refuseniks have been existing in this state of suspended anticipation for nine years, she said.

The women have continued to write petitions and hold peaceful demonstrations but to no avail.

On May 13, they presented a statement to the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, after having been refused an audience with the minister of the interior. They received no reply to their statement and were forcibly evicted from the waiting room. Policemen tore off the yellow

stars the demonstrators had been wearing in protest of their treatment.

After this incident the women sent a letter to the Supreme Soviet protesting their illegal detention in the USSR and the impossibility of bringing up their children in the tradition of their culture.

In appealing to world organizations, the women stress the uncertainty of their lives and the deprivation of professional positions and even the most mental of jobs.

"The attempts to protest against the arbitrariness in realizing our rights are repressed by a gigantic apparatus that the regime has at its disposal — threats, surveillance, illegal house arrests, prison

and exile. Despite all that, we see no other solution but to continue our struggle."

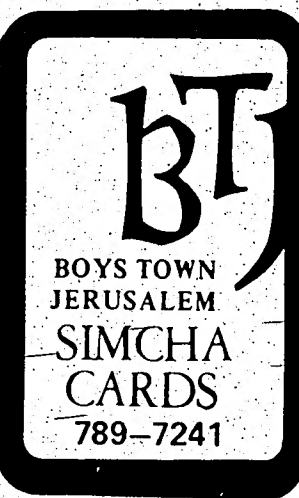
Those attending the Toronto prayer service, sponsored by various Jewish organizations, donned yellow stars to display their solidarity with Soviet Jews. The order of services included a poetry reading by Jeanette Goldman, singing by BatSheva Paul and textual readings by Linda Paton and Sophie Selzer.

Edward Romm, assistant rabbi of Adath Israel, conducted the religious service, and emphasized the urgency of the Soviet Jewry problem. "For us, there may be a next year but for them, it may be their last chance."

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Cindy Adams, author and columnist, was the guest speaker recently at the opening 1978 sponsor luncheon, women's division, Israel Bonds. Shown here (seated, left to right) are Shellah Silverberg, women's division chairman, Mrs. Adams, and Harriet Morton, associate chairman. Standing (left to right) are Shellah Rothman, sponsor chairman and Reggie Levenstadt, Jerusalem sponsor chairman, Toronto Israel Bonds.

Tabak urges Ottawa to aid captives being held in prisons in Argentina

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO —

The willingness of the Canadian government to allow 100 imprisoned Argentinians — and their families — into the country shows that Ottawa "recognizes people are being detained unlawfully in Argentine jails," a former Argentinian citizen told a Holy Blossom meeting last week.

Enrique Tabak, who arrived in Canada four years ago, urged Ottawa to extend financial aid to help the prisoners, most of whom are Jewish, immigrate to Canada. At present, individual Canadian citizens must help them financially, the University of Toronto engineering graduate explained.

He said there are an estimated 8,000 political prisoners in Argentina, and numerous Argentinians who have sought refuge in Brazil. The latter receive aid from the UN until they can be relocated.

The speaker disclosed that the Toronto-based organization, Group for the Defence of Civil Rights in Argentina, is exerting pressure on Canada to withhold nuclear reactors from Argentina until Buenos Aires proves that it honors the human rights of all its citizens. He said the group has had contact with the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Tabak said that protests against repression do affect life in Argentina. In 1976, when a sub-committee of the U.S. House of Representatives obtained information on Argentinian anti-Semitism from B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League, the bombings and other outrages

against the country's synagogues and Jewish schools dropped considerably.

Nevertheless, Argentina's 500,000 Jews are still subject to much anti-Semitism, he warned, and many of the leaders of that state were raised in an era when admiration for fascism and totalitarianism was great, he added.

Another blow was recently struck against the Jewish community there, he elaborated, when the military regime signed a Registry of Religious Societies under which all non-Catholic groups are required to register with the government.

Tabak said the powerful Roman Catholic Church

has acknowledged that Argentina is beset by a problem of human rights, which, it holds, can be solved. Some Catholics

have gone out of their way to assist political prisoners and their families, often ending up in jail themselves, he concluded.

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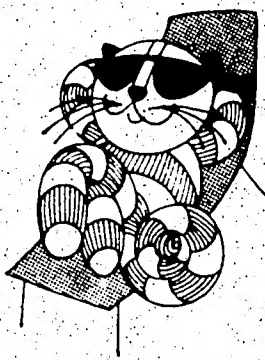
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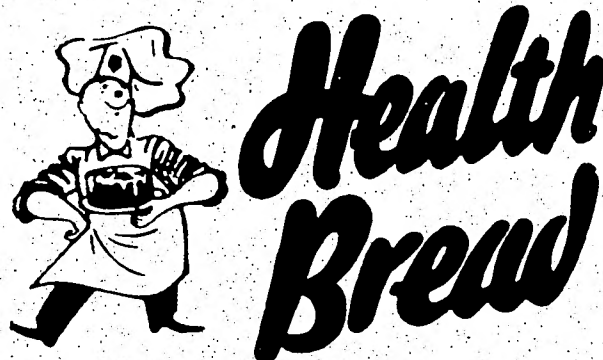
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Ruth Bass (second from left) gets congratulatory handshake from Rabbi Erwin Schild of Adath Israel after she was installed as president of the Toronto Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations last week. With them are Lucille Bensky (left), immediate past president of the organization, and Rose Wolfe, keynote speaker at FJWO annual meeting. Mrs. Wolfe is Toronto Congress president.

Wives of famous men being recognized

landmark events in our history

By ROCHELLE CARR

Wives of famous men, particularly East Europe-



an refugees who fled pogroms at the turn of the century, are given short shrift in history books. In

recent years, however, their contribution to society has been recognized, not only as helpmates but as advisers to their husbands.

Rebecca Bettelheim Kohut, the second wife of noted rabbi and scholar, Alexander Kohut, falls into that category. She arrived in the U.S. in 1867, at the age of three, and her father, an enlightened rabbi, encouraged her to study at the University of California, numerous soci-

etal obstacles notwithstanding.

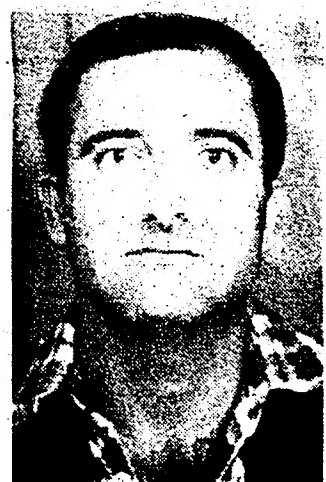
When she was 20, she proved her independence and, again, did what was right by marrying Alexander Kohut, a widower 22 years her senior, with eight children. During his lifetime he died seven years after their marriage, she began to address Jewish women's gatherings, and after her husband's death she supported her step-children by lecturing and teaching.

She channelled her energy and intelligence into volunteerism in such capacities as president of the New York Council of Jewish Women and of the World Congress of Jewish Women. Politicians noticed her and by the time she died, in 1951, she had served on such committees as the New York State Employment Service Advisory Committee and the State Joint Legislative Commission on Unemployment.

Her contemporary, Louise Waterman Wise, wife of famous rabbi Stephen Wise, also made a contribution to the community. She became founder and president of the women's division, American Jewish Congress, while pursuing her interest as an artist and her career as a social worker.

Similarly, Mathilde Roth Schochter, wife of Solomon, the brilliant rabbinical scholar, worked unstintingly for the Woman's League, the forerunner of the Conservative movement, and helped set up services for university students during World War I.

All these women proved beyond a doubt that their talents could be utilized for the betterment of man and society, sometimes without society's full blessings.



Gershon Klafier, married aunt took him in and at the age of seven he was adopted by a Jewish family, but because there was no adoption law in the Netherlands, he could not assume their name until a law was passed in 1956.

The only note of bitterness and regret creeps in when he talks about his sister, two years older, who was hidden during the war "and suffered much more than I did."

She was adopted by relatives who later took her to the U.S. and the two were deliberately kept apart "so that we should integrate better into our families."

They met in Israel, where his sister now lives, "and we didn't really get to know one another until we were about 30 years old, when we started to feel like brother and sister."

Today, Klafier appears a well-rounded young man

who enjoys working with children and young people. At 18, he went to Israel, where he spent some time on a kibbutz, did his army service and earned a degree in social work. There followed a period of working as a street corner social worker in the slums of Tel Aviv and in 1971 he went to the University of Indiana in Bloomington with his wife Jane, whom he had met on

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Women should get involved in social action, speaker urges

TORONTO —

Members of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations were urged to get more involved in social action at their annual meeting last week at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Rose Wolfe, president of Toronto Jewish Congress, told the women they were wasting their talents unless they get into the mainstream of Jewish communal activities and have representa-

Aharon Yariv to speak at Bonds function

TORONTO —

Aharon Yariv, former head of Israeli military intelligence, will appear on behalf of Israel Bonds at a cocktail reception on June 20 at the Primrose Club. Martin I. Applebaum, lawyers' division chairman, has announced.

A former minister of information in the Labor government, he was Israel's chief negotiator in the disengagement talks at Kilometer 101 following the Yom Kippur War.

Yariv began his career by joining the Hagana, the Jewish self-defence organization of pre-Israel Palestine, at the age of 18. In 1941, he served in the Jewish units of the British army in the Middle East and Africa, rising to the rank of captain. When the Jewish Brigade was estab-

lished, he also fought in the European theatre of war.

By the end of 1951, after studies at the school for staff officers in France, he was attached to the general staff of the army. Yariv's subsequent posts included military attache in Washington and Ottawa.

In 1961, Yariv was given a senior post in the intelligence department of the general staff and in 1964 he was appointed its head with the rank of brigadier general. After leaving this position, he became the official special assistant to the prime minister on problems of terrorism, a post he held until the Yom Kippur War.

Yariv, a former member of the Knesset, is presently the director of the strategic studies institute at Tel Aviv University.

on important committees.

The FJWO, which is comprised of 52 member affiliate organizations and sisterhoods, has added three new constituents to its roster — Shaar Shalom Sisterhood, Reena Foundation and State of Israel Bonds Women's Division. Ruth Bass was installed as president for the coming year, succeeding Lucille Bensky.

In a personal perspective, Mrs. Wolfe recalled that her initial volunteer involvement in the community was as campaign chairman of the United Jewish Appeal women's division, and was directly related to her commitment to Israel. Then, as now, she said, Israel is the cement that holds the Jewish community together.

"But I began to see the local point of view when I became chairman of federation," she said, "and a different aspect of local problems while chairman of Jewish Family & Child Service."

Through JF&CS she became aware of pressing individual needs and the Jewish poor, which, she says, is still a little-known factor in the community.

Mrs. Wolfe spoke of the United Jewish Welfare

Fund-Canadian Jewish Congress merger, which "in just over two years has become a remarkable accomplishment."

The Toronto Jewish Congress, Mrs. Wolfe went on to say, operates successfully with "normal, healthy tensions," and has two main functions — to maintain unity of all divergent groups in the community and at all costs avoid fragmentation by compromising a little on all sides.

With UJA and United Community Fund campaigns levelling off at a plateau, Mrs. Wolfe explained, the community was facing financial difficulties. In addition, cutbacks in spending by government in social service areas make it all the more imperative to explore other avenues for funds in the future, she said.

Mrs. Wolfe extended to FJWO members an "open invitation to bring your requests to TJC, which operates in the open and not in smoke-filled back rooms. Orchestrate your efforts through your individual organizations, take a stand and let yourselves be heard on all issues."

Bank comment

TORONTO —

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Harvey Frankel copes with his disability

RP—the baffling hereditary disease

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

On those rare nights when Harvey Frankel finds himself out of doors, he makes a point of following someone with white clothes and walking on the right-hand side of the road.

Frankel, a criminal prosecutor in the federal Department of Justice, isn't tailing tax evaders or dope pushers, the types he usually cross-examines in a courtroom. He's just being ultra careful because he is one of 1,700 Ontarians who suffers from RP — Retinitis Pigmentosa, a baffling hereditary disease about which precious little is known.

RP affects the retina, a film-like visual layer in the back of the eye. As the retina slowly degenerates, the eye loses its ability to transmit pictures to the brain. The first symptom is usually night blindness, followed by narrowing of side vision until the victim has what is called tunnel vision. In most cases, the tiny window of light in the eye shrinks and vanishes, depriving the victim of sight.

Though the medical profession has developed sophisticated techniques for early diagnosis, there is no treatment that can stop or cure RP.

So Frankel, who has tunnel vision, looks for white on a dark street, and he walks on the right side of the road since passing cars light up his field of vision. These are some of the "tricks" he has acquired in his ceaseless effort to cope with his disability.

The 35-year-old barrister and solicitor declines to describe RP as a handicap, saying that his refusal to do so is another one of his "tricks."

"That way I don't feel



Lawyer Harvey Frankel has RP, an eye disease, but he copes with his disability.

sorry for myself and neither do others," he says in an interview in his 24th floor office at the Toronto Dominion Bank Tower. "I've got a problem...and I take satisfaction from the fact that strangers don't know I have RP."

Until quite recently, RP was somewhat neglected by doctors and so unknown as a disease that even sufferers themselves were unable to describe their affliction, he explains.

All that changed when Malka and Jay Marin, a Toronto couple, discovered that their son had RP and were told by doctors that nothing could be done to cure it. Shocked by the revelation that no one was researching the causes of RP, the Marins and a few friends decided to set up the National RP Founda-

tion of Canada.

The foundation spearheads research across Canada directed at learning more about retinal degenerative diseases. The work is led by Dr. Clement McCulloch of the University of Toronto. Research programs are now established in Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver and Calgary.

The foundation's fundraising goal this year is \$250,000. Recently, the Ontario Lottery Corporation provided the foundation with a \$175,000 grant, and Toronto Mayor David Crombie declared May to

be RP month in the city.

Frankel, a member of the foundation, inherited RP from his mother. He recalls that the onset of RP in his case was so gradual that he hardly noticed it at first. "It would have been more shocking if I had lost my sight at once," he remarks.

"The deterioration of my sight was slow enough so that I could get through school," he adds. If it had struck him when he was still a law student, he could not have made the grade.

When he was 31, Frankel began to realize that he

was losing his ability to read. Today, he doesn't bother reading newspapers because it's too much of a strain, and he uses a high-powered lens to read the documents that cross his desk every day.

As RP research is still in its infancy, Frankel does not realistically expect to be cured. "But I'm hopeful that I can arrest it," he says. "That, I think, is a reasonable possibility and I'll be content if my vision doesn't deteriorate."

Unlike normal sighted people, Frankel cannot participate in team sports, drive a car or enjoy the full beauty of nature. But because of his disease, he's developed a number of compensatory abilities that have aided him in his professional and personal life.

"I've got a superb memory and this is useful in a courtroom, and possibly I'm more sensitive to the

needs of other people," he explains.

Though he has learned to live with RP, he has had his days of depression, too, particularly when he was a teenager. "A friend has told me I'm good at coping and I live as best I can," he says. "I've gotten a great deal of support from my wife Shelley, and my superiors in the Department of Justice have been very understanding and co-operative."

Frankel has a six-month-old daughter and she was conceived only after geneticists gave the Frankels reasonable assurances that their offspring probably would not be affected by RP. But there are no guarantees, since one in 80 persons is a potential carrier, and the ultimate uncertainty of it all gives him and others in a similar position the energy and will to fight to develop a cure against this crippling disease.

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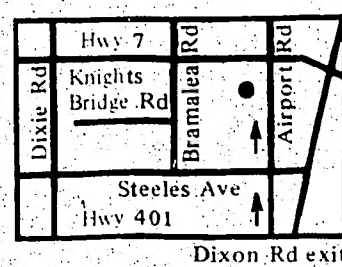
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Learned to cope with Holocaust

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a holiday in England.

Back in Israel with an MSc in recreation, Klafner spent a year as a mental health worker with army personnel in the Golan, but the economic situation in Israel — he mentions the difficulties of living in a tiny apartment with three children — forced the young family to move once again, this time to England. It was while they were there that he heard from a Toronto friend, whom he had met in Indiana, about the job at the JCC.

As director of youth services, Klafner is responsible for all youth

programs, leadership training, community-wide events involving the young and, of course, Camp Kadimah. Among his recent tasks was the hiring of staff for camp and he insists that all non-Jewish counsellors learn about the Holocaust and about Israel.

He is still not altogether comfortable about having left Israel, but there was a need to get out of the country for a while, to stretch himself and to see what he could accomplish elsewhere. But Israel is still home, he insists, and his two daughters, aged seven and five, and two-year-old son are being brought up as Israelis.

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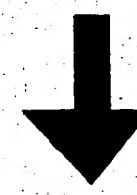
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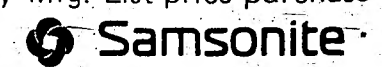


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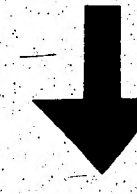
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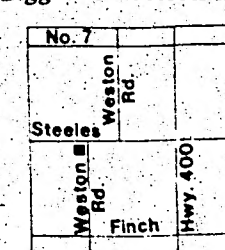
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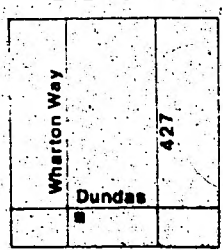
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Arts



This work entitled "Requiem For A Whale" by Angela Houpt is part of exhibit on display at Koffler Gallery.

Nature inspires Houpt's sculpture, a statement on environmental issues

art

By RHONDA ROVAN

The inspiration Angela Houpt derives from natural surroundings is beautifully transmitted to her abstract sculptures, some

of which are on exhibit until June 16 in the Koffler Gallery at the North 'Y'. Ms. Houpt combines impressive sculptural skills with honest emotional expression to create her sensual, earthy stone pieces.

Requiem For A Whale dominates the exhibit. She was moved to create the piece last year when she heard of the death of a newborn beluga whale, held in captivity in Vancouver. The "mother" shape, as you approach it

upon entering the gallery, is one flowing, simple wave. On its opposite side rests a tiny carving representing the baby whale.

The smooth, glowing mass of Ms. Houpt's work, the clean, spare lines exemplified in her abstract depiction of a dove, for example, are qualities that compel her viewers to reach out and touch — a temptation she encourages. "If someone touches my work, maybe they'll touch the people around them differently," she says.

Ms. Houpt maintains a fundamental loyalty to the intrinsic veins and patterns in her material. And into that, she can inject a shot of wry humor to come up with surprises such as **Paperweight For the Man Who Has Everything** — a perfect, little alabaster breast.

The exhibit includes two figurative bronze pieces to suggest Ms. Houpt is expanding from her abstract works, which she has been exhibiting in Toronto since 1974.

To give impact to the abstract, polished bronze pieces also in the exhibit, she set up an area showing different stages of bronze casting, an educational display no doubt appreciated by visitors to the 'Y'.

Off in a corner, another direction — completely, is **Black Box**, an unoriginal-in-concept composite of forced banality, scrounged from around the house and the corner drugstore: candy, anti-depressants, sample-size liquor bottles from plane rides, and a condom. An epitaph to consumerism? Ms. Houpt intimates there are some private jokes in there. I think the cleverest thing about it is that it's not for sale.

Then again, who knows where it could lead? After seeing Houpt's sculpture, it comes as no surprise to learn she is intensely concerned about environmental issues, and though she doesn't foresee jumping on a bandwagon, she says her art is starting to take a turn by making

statements. **Requiem For A Whale** is one example.

Another is her contribution to the survey of contemporary Canadian sculpture, presented by the Sculptors Society of Canada until June 18 at the Macdonald Gallery (Queen's Park, 900 Bay St.). Ms. Houpt took a small aquarium with water and gravel, and added an alabaster sculpture of a large, luminous shell. **Artificial Environment** is an interesting artistic statement of her observations that "We pull artificial environments around us and then come alive within them." It sounds indirectly optimistic, until she adds, "The sculpture will

slowly disintegrate within five years."

Ms. Houpt came to Canada from England in 1957 at age 18, studied at the Ontario College of Art and Central Tech, and is presently represented by Mazeloff Gallery in Toronto. She is also represented by galleries in London and Kitchener, Ont., in San Francisco, Montreal and London, England. She teaches at the 'Y' and at York University.

An active member of the Sculptors Society, she organized a selection from the impressive survey exhibit to tour London, Paris, Brussels, and a few U.S. centres during the summer and fall.

'Dybbuk' rendition disappointing

music

By RICK KARDONNE

"The Dybbuk purifies and unites us," said Marilyn Lightstone, in a highly intelligent and inspiring introduction to an opera dance suite which premiered at Holy Blossom Temple recently.

Speaking to a capacity audience, she wisely asked us not to analyze the meaning of *The Dybbuk* but simply to experience it as a form of emotional catharsis.

As it turned out, Ms. Lightstone's introductory speech was the emotional climax of the entire evening, as the suite, set to the Shomo Ansky classic, proved to be a disappointment. It was an abbreviated outline of *The Dybbuk*, rather than the full intense body itself and the overall structure of the work was so mercilessly tight that it constricted rather than exorcised, the already-thwarted spirit of poor Chonon.

Indeed, as I saw it, the exorcism might as well not have taken place. It was so brief and sketchy, void of any natural development, that had I not the lengthy program notes in my lap, I might have overlooked it. Certainly it did not provide the appropriate sense of climax which the story-line necessitates. Instead, the climactic focus, if there was any, fell on the final judgement of Sender, which in the Ansky play serves, more logically as the resolution. (To this version's credit, the finale lacked the extremely embarrassing ascent of Leah into heaven which was so artificially tacked on in the 1974 Toronto and Winnipeg English-language version).

Enhancing the precis (as opposed to full dramatic) effect of this outline version was the pedestrian choreography by Donald Himes, which, except for the mildly imaginative use of veils to convey the entrance of the dybbuk into Leah, consisted of the most elementary obvious clichés. At times, the "dance" even froze into semi-static, high-school-pageant-type tableaux.

Granted, Holy Blossom's small stage, with steps, may not be ideal for dance. But even so, why was there not any sem-

blance of the grand spectral emotional intensity which *The Dybbuk* demands? The Toronto Dance Theatre veterans are supposedly technically proficient enough to convey such gut-wrenching emotions of torment, heartbreak, ecstasy, and, most essentially, totality-transcendence in a visually exciting, choreographically sophisticated manner. Why, given this supposed potential, was the

golden opportunity to create a truly unforgettable dance catharsis from the exorcism scene, so glaringly missed? Must the Jerome Robbins version be seen just in order to provide these dancers with the most initial inspiration?

There were obvious strengths in the production, however, including Milton Barnes' music, which, for the most part, when allowed to, sincerely

attempted to evoke whatever moods were allowed to prevail, and (Cantor Sheldon F. Merel's sometime powerful renditions of the liturgical passages, especially in the judgment scenes).

Barnes' music was consistently more sensitively uninhibited. Although I would have liked to have heard more major-key upbeat joy for the initial early love of Chonon and Leah (which would have pro-

vided suitable contrast to the more sombre and surreal-occult moods), in every other scene, the original score did accurately evoke what emotions were allowed by the strait-jacket conceptual framework to naturally develop.

Particularly effective were the liturgical sections, both with Merel and the cello passages; and the piano-chamber passages, which uniquely tinged a touch of Ravel with Yid-

dishkeit empathy. The eight-piece orchestra performed the score in the let-loose spirit which any truly credible rendition of *The Dybbuk* necessitates.

SCHEDULE CONFLECT: On Wednesday, May 10, Erev Yom Ha'atzmaut, three major concerts of Jewish interest occurred at the same time: the 30th Yom Ha'atzmaut concert at Beth Tzedec featuring Gaila Gill; the Beth Shalom tribute to the late Cantor Ephraim Rosenberg, featuring prominent North American cantors, and the Festival Singers' performance of Vivaldi's epic oratorio of the Book of Judith, *Juditha Triumphans*. Fine, but why couldn't these three major events have been scheduled for May 9, 10 and 11?

Karp and Tyrell have brought 25 mime companies from seven provinces to appear in the major seven-day festival, taking place at the Toronto Free Theatre in conjunction with a National Conference of Mime at the Firehall Theatre.

When the mime festival is over, however, Karp has no intention of slinking off into the wings like the silent clown of the stage with a tear dripping down one cheek. He's much too practical — and logical.

"I would like to work for the government, eventually where policy making is happening, or we just might be opening a business management company in Montreal for French-speaking artists. Or," he laughs, "I may join my brother in the delicatessen business in Ottawa."

It's unlikely that Karp will wind up slicing pastrami. If he does, it will probably be pure pantomime. A good deli sandwich is something that the average Joe can relate to.

Articulate mime doesn't mince words in describing one of oldest art forms

theatre

By JENIVA BERGER

Toronto is presenting the First Canadian Festival of Mime, due largely to the efforts of mime devotee and practitioner, Barry Karp. Along with his partner in the festival, Naomi Tyrell, Karp maintains that Canada has some of the best mimes in the world.

You're likely to believe every word that Karp says about mime. Articulate, convincing, and befitting a mime expert, he doesn't mince words when talking about his favorite festival of the moment. A stocky, short, pleasant-looking man in his early 30s, he is a long way off from the gaunt presence, high cheekbones, and lanky, hipless physique of Marcel Marceau, but then his whole point is to show audiences that mime is popular entertainment, made for the man on the street.

What better way than for mimes to look like the man on the street. It seems logical and logic is something that Karp has more than a passing acquaintance with.

Born in Ottawa with a large, talented family to his credit, Karp hopped across the border to the U.S.'s corn belt for a university education. He attended Shimer College, the experimental wing of the University of Chicago and the first of the liberal arts colleges, a place which eased its mere 250 students into Hutchins Plan. "You went back to the books of knowledge,"

Education at Trent University.

"But I couldn't stay away from theatre very long," he admits. "Learned just enough money to carry me for a couple of years in Europe, then went to Paris to study mime." The years of working with children and the physical activity involved in doing pantomime with children's theatre had whetted his appetite for the deeper study of the field.

In the three years that he was away, Karp found that when he returned, few people remembered him. It was Susan Rubes who helped out, introducing him to Walter Learning at Theatre New Brunswick where Karp initiated the theatre for young people.

Back in Toronto again, Karp got itchy for his own space, and along with Ron East, opened the mime theatre and school, The Unlimited Space. The partnership gradually dissolved, but Karp had already conceived of a Mime Festival in Toronto.

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Shavuot has lessons for today

By Rabbi Selig Korolnek

The festival of Shavuot commemorates both an agricultural as well as a religious event in the Jewish calendar.

In our synagogue services on the first day in the morning, we read from the Book of Exodus which commemorates Shavuot as the zman matan torasainu, "the season of the giving of the Torah." The second day of Shavuot, we read the Book of Ruth to commemorate it as the chag hakotzir, "the feast of the harvest."

A careful study of the events recorded in the Book of Ruth and the events preceding the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai confronts us with the most difficult paradox. Immediately preceding the preparations for receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai, we read, vayislach moshe chosno, "And Moses sent away his father-in-law". After helping his son-in-law set up a judicial system for the Jewish people, Jethro is sent away and is deprived of witnessing the most glorious moment in mankind's history—the giving of the Torah at Sinai. Jethro in essence, is rejected from the Jewish fold.

In studying the story of Ruth, on the other hand, we see that this simple Moabite woman is welcomed into the fold of Judaism and, indeed, is granted the honor of being the great-grandmother of King David.

The question must be asked why was Jethro rejected while Ruth was accepted especially when both expressed similar proclamation of faith in the Almighty. Jethro said, "Now I know that the Lord is greater than all Gods," while Ruth proclaimed, "Your people shall be my people and your G-d shall be my G-d." Furthermore, Jethro was a prominent leader of his people and was also the father-in-law of Moses, while there is little, if any prominence in Ruth's background.

Common sense would

dictate that Jethro should have been welcomed with open arms, while Ruth, if anything, should have been returned to her people. Yet, just the opposite was the case! Why? Our sages in the Midrash help us to understand this perplexing problem through the following:

The Almighty said: "My children were enslaved with cement and bricks in Egypt while Jethro quietly sat in his home. Now he came to witness with my children the rejoicing of the Torah. Therefore Moses sent his father-in-law away."

While the Jews were enslaved in Egypt Jethro showed no interest in helping and joining the Jews. He found it expedient to sit in the peace and security of his home. At no time is it recorded that Jethro, a man of influence, lifted one finger to help the plight of the Israelites. This was not the time, he felt, to become involved.

Later, when G-d had redeemed the Jewish people from bondage and freedom was at hand, Jethro suddenly appeared on the scene. And only when the Jews were at the foot of Sinai did Jethro express a commitment to the Jewish people. In other words, Jethro appeared in good times, but was absent in bad times. Therefore, it is easy to understand why Moses sent him away. If he was not willing to be

with Israel in their times of need, he was not worthy to participate in their time of joy.

Such was not the case in relation to Ruth. She expressed her deep feelings for the Jews when it did not appear bright. Quite the contrary, there was famine in the land and her Jewish husband had passed away. All was not well. And yet, precisely at this time, did Ruth declare her love for the G-d and people of Israel, and her desire to become a part of that holy nation. Ruth expressed her friendship at a time of crisis while Jethro waited until all was well.

It is, therefore, quite understandable why Ruth was rewarded for her devotion while Jethro was sent back to his own people.

Although they lived thousands of years ago, their difference in approach to our people has found similar expression in our own time. While six million of our brethren were being slaughtered in Hitler's gas chambers, our Christian neighbors, like Jethro, "sat in the peace and security of their homes," not wanting to get involved. It was only years after, when Israel became a mighty country in the Middle East and when North American Jewry was achieving political and economic power far beyond their numbers, did we suddenly hear the cry of ecumenicism and



These Israeli children mark the festival of Shavuot in Tel Aviv. Holiday commemorates harvest and the revelation on Mount Sinai. Israelis use day to catch up on chores, go to the seashore to escape the heat, or drive to holiday spots.

the brotherhood of man.

Unlike Ruth, our neighbors sought to draw closer to us only when things were going well, not in time of crisis. This feeling of ecumenicism was further questioned when the people of Israel faced a crisis in 1967 and the Yom Kippur War 1973. Once again the spirit of Jethro prevailed amongst our neighbors.

The spirit of Jethro seems to prevail in many aspects of our human life. How often are we friendly with people when all is well, but when things turn bad and our friend needs help, we, like Jethro, sit in the sidelines waiting for the storm to blow over. We wait for the good times to

show our friendship, but in times of need, unlike Jethro, we are nowhere to be found. Indeed, oftentimes we even turn our backs on our own families in their time of need. The classic example of this is found in the story of Job. We are told that after Job was afflicted with sorrow, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite, came to comfort him. But where was Job's own family? They were nowhere to be found! It was only after the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before, "Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters and all they that had been his

acquaintances before... and they bemoaned him and comforted him." (Job 42:10-11.)

To me as a rabbi, the saddest example of the Jethro philosophy that I note is the attitude that many of our own people take toward their Jewish heritage. When we should

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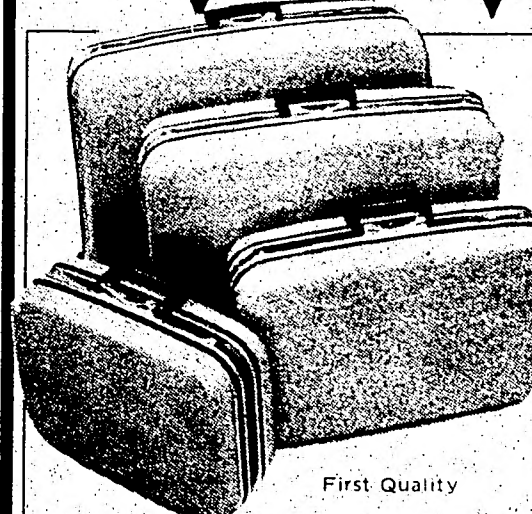
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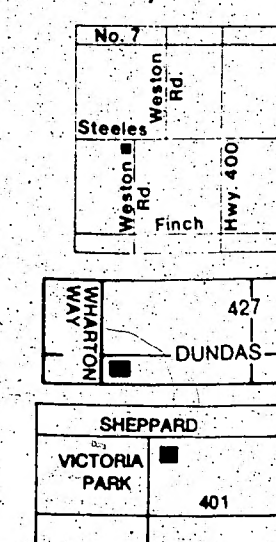
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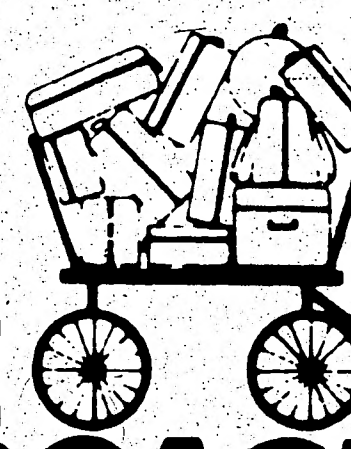


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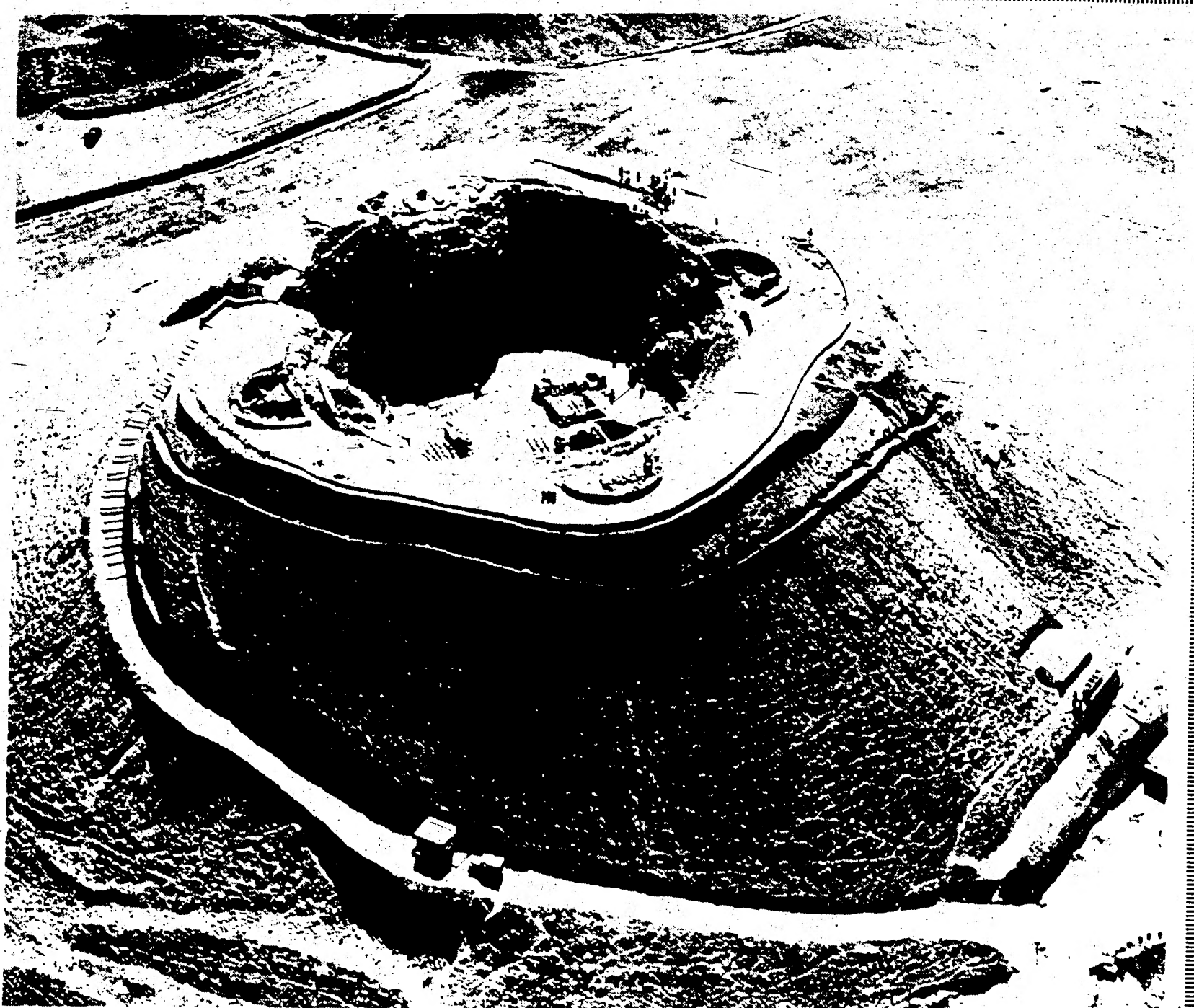
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At the Old River Inn, in north central Connecticut, you just might find yourself dining on such esoteric fare as elk stew. The inn, which has been pampering travelers since 1786, has a reputation for superlative bed and board.

The menu at the River Inn is basically traditional American — Connecticut River shad, fried chicken with pecans, corn sticks and homemade pies.

Upstairs, the 10 bedrooms are fitted out with such amenities as slipper chairs and needlepoint luggage racks. A gaming table and comfortable wing chairs tempt the traveler to linger over a game of gin or a leisurely bout of checkers.

At the Copper Beech Inn in Essex you'll sip your pre-dinner cocktail in an unexpectedly tropical greenhouse. The inn is a cheerful mélange of day lilies, lobster bisque, raspberry souffles and old-fashioned bathtubs with iron-clawed feet. Its 17 rooms, built by an ivory trader at the turn of the century, sprawl luxuriously in the shade of a magnificent copper beech tree.

And innkeepers Robert and Jo McKenzie both have an eye for those tiny details that make a stay memorable. Silver bowls brimming with cabbage roses gleam in the dining rooms; mellow antiques accent guest bedrooms. Sea-chanting, banjo picking and ivory-tickling are nightly diversions at the Griswold Inn near the centre of Essex. Only one block from the old Essex Steamboat Dock, the inn attracts boating buffs during the spring and summer and the atmosphere is lively with talk of yaws and ketches, of luffing and looming.

In nearby Old Lyme, a tiny village with 18th-century spires and Georgian

townhouses, are two other fine old inns.

At the Bee and Thistle, evenings are filled with the sounds of guitar and dulcimer. Barbara Bellows, who operates the inn with her husband, Gene, frequently entertains guests after dinner with madrigals and folk ballads. With its eight rooms and six fireplaces, the inn exudes an air of comfortable domesticity.

Down the road at the Old Lyme Inn, guests find themselves wrapped in a cocoon of old-fashioned hospitality. Innkeepers Kenneth and Diana Milne

provide such thoughtful "extras" as a selection of pates and other delicacies to tide late afternoon nibblers through the cocktail hour.

An insistence on freshness is one of the hallmarks of the Old Lyme Inn in New Canaan you may find in the singing in a taproom that was once a minister's parlor. It was

built in 1740 by Rev. Justus Mitchell and what the pious gentleman would have thought of the Saturday night revel around the piano is anybody's guess.

Several of the inn's 13 rooms have fireplaces; all are spacious, comfortable and furnished with a post-pour of period pieces. Mitchell might be surprised by the Roger Sherman Inn's worldly menu as well. Crepes, unfolding chunks of chicken and sautéed mushrooms, wreathed in bechamel sauce; flaky apple strudel; velvet chocolate mousse — hardly the daily fare of an ascetic 18th century household.

Most of Connecticut's inns are open the year around. Nearly all have limited accommodations so the spring and summer traveler should reserve ahead to ensure room at the inn. Weekends tend to be particularly busy times with more flexibility mid-week.

For further information about Connecticut inns and nearby attractions, along with a free official road map, write Travel Department of Commerce, 210 Washington St., Hartford, CT 06106.

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TORONTO — Thirty medical meetings will take place in Israel in 1978 and 23 in 1979, Asher Rahav, director for Canada of the Israel Government Tourist Office, has announced.

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MIAMI, Fla. — "Now That You've Seen the Magic Kingdom... See the Magic City" is part of a new campaign by the Miami-Metro department of tourism promotion to attract visitors to Greater Miami.

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Because of the high elevation, it is not as hot on the high plateaus such as in Mexico City (7,500 ft.) and Cuernavaca (5,000 ft.).

The so-called "rainy season" from June to September has been greatly exaggerated. In fact, the Mexicans call it so only because the rest of the year is so dry. From June to September, the rainfall is about 17.8 inches, whereas in Toronto precipitation reaches 10.9 inches.

Summer is a particularly good time to visit the small colonial towns or the archeological treasures of the Yucatan. Many organizations offer summer school programs (in Spanish and especially in archeology) at moderate prices and with room and board with Mexican families. These programs are

quite often excellent bargains.

Non-Jews dominate

TEL AVIV — Non-Jewish visitors from Europe are beginning to dominate the tourist scene in Israel as the percentage of Jewish tourists is said to be dropping.

For the first time, Jewish tourists were in the minority this Pesach, representing less than 40% of all foreign visitors during one of Israel's most popular tourist periods.

This drop is being felt among Jews from the United States who once represented the vast majority of tourists here, according to Haim Shiff, president of the Israel Hotel Association, and head of the country's largest hotel chain.

Calling on the young generation to "give Israel a chance," Shiff said that most American Jews in the 28-40 age category "do not realize how satisfying a vacation in Israel can be, compared to any of the world's resort centres to which they usually travel."

The veteran hotelier, whose seven Shiff hotels in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Sharm-el-Sheikh contain 1,250 rooms, pointed out that visitors today were surprised by the high level of service in Israeli hotels.

Shiff predicts continued growth in the overall tourist inflow, from one million in 1977 to three million visitors in 1985.

A 20% decrease in Israeli tourism is worrying the manager of CP hotel

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
Associate Editor

TORONTO

The manager of Canadian Pacific's Jerusalem Plaza Hotel is among those very concerned about the 20% drop in the number of tourists going from North America to Israel so far this year compared to the same period in 1977.

Explains Simon Cooper: "The North American ethnic market is the bread and butter for the five-star hotels. But they have not been travelling to Israel in the last few months. Fortunately, we have picked up visitors from Europe."

Asked to explain the North American fall-off, Cooper speculates the reasons are three-fold — the political climate between the U.S. and Israel, which is turning off a number of people; the security situation (the tension in Lebanon and recent Palestinian raid on an Israeli bus); and the state of the U.S. and Canadian economies.

The 33-year-old manager of the luxury hotel, about a mile from the Old City, was interviewed here while on a North American promotional tour.

He points out Israel tourism "is drawing blood out of the same vein all the time. We're appealing to the same people and at the same price level."

Cooper feels charter flights are the answer, pointing out there are still none from Canada, de-



Simon Cooper

spite pressure from them from Israel Government Tourist Office and Canadian tour companies.

"Presently, Israel is a hell of an expensive destination," he declares.

"Toronto is the key," he adds. "We have to get flights out of here to Israel." (CP Air, which had flights from here to Israel, suspended service two years ago.)

He says his hotel organization has not been in contact with potential charter companies to Israel, but would consider being part of packages.

Cooper speaks with regret about what he calls Israel's de-emphasis on tourism because there is no longer a specific department and minister. "Israel needs to tighten up its tourist infrastructure and give it more legislative support, more controls on tours and hotels."

He says that if present trends continue, there eventually will be more non-Jews than Jews coming from North America, observing "this group doesn't stay in five-star hotels."

The 22-storey, 310-room Plaza, which opened in 1974, is owned by Israel Corporation, headed by Baron Edmond Rothschild, along with North American interests. Cooper

er says about 8% of his business comes from Canadians, with most groups from Canada preferring to stay at the Plaza.

He remarks that his hotel fills up first in the city on account of location, programming (such as free walking tours, entertainment and a youth camp), and excellence of staff, mainly Israelis.

Born in England, Cooper came to Jerusalem 18

months ago from the Chateau Champlain in Montreal, where he worked for seven years and rose to the number two position. Before accepting the Jerusalem post, he and his wife, Marcelle, a French Canadian, went over to scout the country.

Marcelle speaks fluent Hebrew as a result of time spent on an ulpan course. Her husband is not as fluent.



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Israeli Minister of Education Zevulun Hammer [right] examines audio-visual material at Board of Jewish Education's media centre during his recent visit to Toronto. Near him is Rabbi Irwin Witty, head of the BJE. Next to projector is Joseph Shoham, media centre director. Later, the 40-year-old minister conferred with teachers to discuss common problems and concerns.

'Are we ready to allow genocide to be forgotten?'

By BRIAN N. FELDMAN

It might seem that 1978 would be a year of almost unprecedented awareness in both the Jewish and non-Jewish communities of the reality of the Holocaust. History has, of course, borne witness to the unspeakable horrors of the year 1933 to 1945, and the analyses, the books, the discussions and arguments seem almost endless. Very recent history has seen several well-attended conferences concerning the Holocaust.

In addition, the recent television drama *Holocaust* was apparently seen by tens of millions of viewers throughout Canada and the United States. Books on the Holocaust and related items are in demand; speakers, historians, and other experts are frequently asked to lecture to the community; psychiatrists probe the minds of those who survived and yet are still plagued by the memory; and the state of Israel, the land where so many DP's from war-ravaged Europe emigrated, this year celebrates 30 years of nationhood.

So, at a rally organized to commemorate the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, one would anticipate strong popular support. This rally was meant to call attention to the courage of a desperate band of half-starved Jews, withered from disease, and deprivation, crushed in everything but spirit, who rose up against Nazi Germany, defying Hitler at the height of the war. From a pre-war population of over half a million, the Jews of Warsaw saw their numbers dwindle by the spring of 1943, to less than 50,000 souls. The uprising was doomed to failure from the outset, but the mere fact that it occurred served as an inspiration to Jews of future generations everywhere, particularly those forging a new life in Palestine.

May I share my thoughts with you on the images presented here:

— The color party, Jewish war veterans, marching as smartly and crisply as old legs and hearts would permit. Men who fought as Jews for Canada. Men who saw comrades fall beside them, caught by the desolation of total war. The memory remains clear in their eyes.

— Ben Dunkelman, taking the salute, laying a wreath. Still vigorous in appearance and spirit, standing at rigid attention and perhaps on his own experience in wars, reflecting quietly.

— A survivor, looking comfortably middle-aged, with tearful bloodshot eyes. Shouting at the speaker's platform, trying to share her sorrow with others, dredging up the never forgotten memory, she has the passion now; pity that same fury wasn't more widespread then.

— The officials: churchmen, rabbis, politicians. Many have heard the familiar refrains, the calls for freedom and its preservation, the vows of "never again", the determination to uphold Israel's sovereignty.

— The most significant lingering image: the crowd. The Canadian Jewish News stated it as 2,000. I asked several of the police officers on duty: one suggested 1,500, another thought perhaps 1,000, and a third laughed at both of these, saying the total was closer to 600. Whatever, it is a pitifully small group, representing possibly less than one percent of the obscurity of this time in history, of how good people everywhere must be alert to its recurrence, in disguised form, in our time. But the calls and shouts come not from the young, but mostly from the old. And when they pass on, who will be left to do the shouting?

— Where are 99% of the Jews this day? Will this event continue to be recalled, or are we ready to allow it to pass forgotten into obscurity?

I don't know, but I fear for the future, when the survivors are gone from our midst and none remain to tell the tale. I am reminded of the remarks of one Hans Frank who, prior to his execution for war crimes at Nuremberg, claimed confidently that if the world survived for 1,000 years, they would not be forgotten for their evil deeds. Hans Frank was generous. It is only 35 years today since the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, and the world may already be forgetting. The memory is painful; it happened long ago and far, far away, as the poets say. Or perhaps as in the lyric of a song, I guess it doesn't matter anymore.

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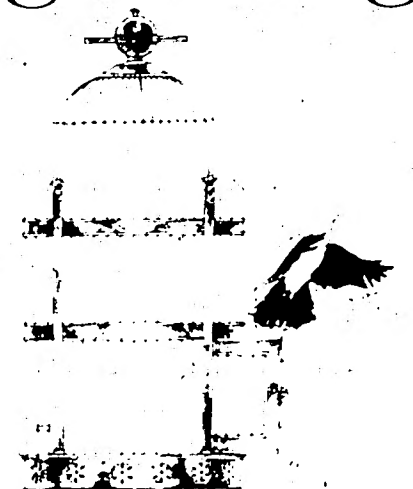
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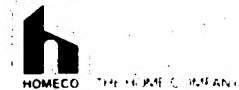


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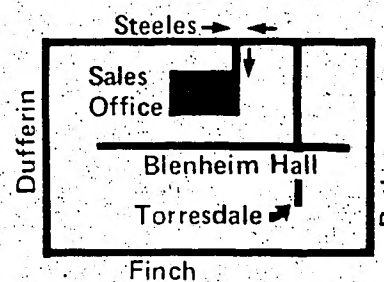
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Romanian Jews enjoy freedom

By MOURA WOLPERT

Seated in the ornate chair that is almost like a throne in his study in the building of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Romania, Moses Rosen, chief rabbi of Romania, is an imposing figure. He is talking about the Jewish community of Romania and, sensibly, he begins at the beginning. There is some evidence that the first Jews came to what was then Dacia with Roman emperor Trajan, who conquered the province in the year 101 or 102, 30 years after the destruction of the Temple. Documents attest to 600 years of organized Jewish life and the Jewish contribution to Romanian culture, the arts and commerce has been considerable.

Of the more than 800,000 Jews in Romania before World War II, about 400,000 survived and of these, more than 300,000 have emigrated to Israel over the past 30 years. Today, there are some 40,000 Jews in Romania, almost 20,000 in Bucharest, the rest distributed over 60 communities throughout the country.

The crucial problem, he is saying, is whether it is possible for a Jewish community to survive in a Communist society, and the answer must be that with a man like Rosen at the helm, it is.

He is a handsome man, 60ish, forceful, a leader, skilled in treading the delicate tightrope of political expediency and not without humor. Beside him sits his elegant wife.

There is religious freedom in Romania, he claims, adding: "We can also proclaim our love for the state of Israel without fear and proclaim at the same time our loyalty and devotion to this country, which has given us these possibilities."

In a Communist country, he continues, "the problem is to be able to harmonize our interests (with those of the government) and 'without modesty,' he declares, "we are having a success."

His heavily accented English is fluent, if occasionally awkward, and he rarely has to search for the appropriate word. What he is anxious to get across is that in Romania, where 25 years ago "the situation was much, much worse than in Russia," today "every Jew who wants to be a Jew has the possibility without any restriction and without any fear."

"I am telling you what happened in 30 years of leading a community in a Communist country, which began in terrible conditions, more difficult than in other Communist countries today. And the result is that without scandals, without demonstrations, we were able to send in this 300,000 Jews to Israel."

The Federation of Jewish Communities, based in Bucharest, is responsible for all Jewish communities, which, from a legal standpoint, are strictly religious. But, in practice, they fulfill all the functions necessary to preserve Jewish life, cultural, political, social as well as religious. In the bleak years from 1952-1959, "when Romania was hermetically closed, we were the guar-

dians of Judaism, of Yiddishkeit."

There are 120 synagogues in the country; over half of them, including the 12 in Bucharest, functioning daily, morning and evening. There are three rabbis — in 1948 there were 600 — and 12 shochetim, working from Sunday to Friday, providing Jews throughout the country with kosher meat. There are 24 Hebrew classes with, paradoxically, more children today than there were a few years ago.

"We are an elderly population (50% of Romanian Jews are over 60)," Rosen points out, "and it is not possible for elderly people, remnants of the Holocaust, to be a flourishing community. But I want to underline that we are not a dying community. We are an ending community."

At the time of the Communist takeover in 1948, the entire religious leadership left for Israel, as did all other Jews who were able to go. Further emigration has left what Rosen calls a "decapitated" community. Those who remained were mostly the old, too broken, after the Holocaust, to seek a new life, the Jewish Communities and the assimilated. They are the ones who now send their children for religious education, Bar Mitzva and Jewish weddings.

A strong Zionist, Rosen's avowed purpose is to encourage aliyah. According to him, there is still a steady, if diminishing, flow of immigrants to Israel and the figures he quotes range from 2,300 in 1975 to 1,500 in 1977. Emigration, he insists, is only a matter of time. You wait one year, two years, maybe three, but then you can go.

(But in Israel officials of the foreign affairs department decline to comment on Rosen's statements. Instead, they describe Romanian immigration as a mere trickle.)

Since 1956 the community has published a newspaper in Yiddish, Romanian and Hebrew, the only Hebrew paper in Europe, Rosen claims. Of the 10,000 copies printed every other week, 8,000 go to subscribers in Romania and 800 copies to the Soviet Union where, Rosen says, they are photocopied by the thousands and distributed to various parts of the country. In addition, Soviet Jews copy the Romanian section for distribution in Bucovina and Bessarabia (formerly Romanian but now part of the Soviet Union), while the Yiddish section is sent to Lithuania and Latvia.

The community also prints 16,000 copies of a yearly calendar containing all kinds of historical, religious and cultural information, making it a sort of miniature Jewish encyclopedia.

There is contact with Jews in other Eastern bloc countries, particularly with those in the Soviet Union from where, Rosen claims, come thousands of letters asking for information on Jewish life. Most importantly, there is contact with the West and with Israel.

Correction

Hannah Sandberg's art exhibit at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue ends on June 13, not June 30.

UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late Sarah Rusonik will take place on Sunday, June 18, 11:30 a.m. at Bathurst Lawn Cemetery, Adath Shalom section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

OBITUARIES

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Organizations and People



Israel Gen. Mordechai Gur (third from right) was honored recently at a dinner sponsored by the prime minister's club and ambassador's society of trustees, State of Israel Bonds, held at Beth Tzedec. Seated (clockwise from left) are Edith Rothschild, Kurt Rothschild, general campaign chairman; Al Silverberg, Sheilah Silverberg, women's division chairman; Al Green, prime minister's club chairman, Harriet Morton, women's division associate chairman and Carol Epstein, public relations chairman. The dinner was part of Israel's 30th anniversary.

Campaign results please federation

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

There's an air of optimism in Hamilton, a sense that things are finally beginning to happen, a feeling shared, it cautiously, by the new president of the Hamilton Jewish Federation, Bernard Greenbaum.

"So far we're up 15" over last year," says Greenbaum — who took over leadership of the community from Samuel Taylor last February — of the 1978 UJWF campaign. "It ends like that, we shall be able to meet our commitments without trouble."

Hamilton's finances were very tight in the last two years... but this year we didn't hear as many screams as last year," he



Bernard Greenbaum

comments: "Something has to affect people, either them, before it sinks in that they're not giving enough," adds the former federation treasurer.

Greenbaum's community involvement dates back to the days when his father-in-law, Max Stern, was president of the Council of Jewish Organizations in the mid '60s. After serving as treasurer for years, he decided "it's time for someone else to learn the job."

The next couple of years are going to see many changes, he forecasts, giving the distinct impression that he's very much on top of everything. "One thing about being president is that one gets invited to every meeting, but that's probably not wise," he observes. "One can't be objective, because in the heat of a meeting one tends to get too involved."

He is pleased that several "new and very com-

munity-minded people" have come forward in the past year or two to tackle what he considers the three most important problems facing the community today — The Jewish Home for the Aged, which now has the funds to proceed with construction but is unable to do so until the government lifts its ban on financial support, the Jewish Community Centre's proposed move to the west end, and Jewish education. He is looking for a new education committee chairman — "a job a lot of people don't want" — but "there's a light in the window" and he notes with satisfaction that there is now "more co-operation between the synagogues."

A Torontonian, Green-

baum, 47, came to Hamilton in 1955 as a mortgage broker and a couple of years later he and Bernard Walman set up their own company, in a tiny bachelorette apartment, culminating in the establishment, five years ago, of Income Trust.

Active also in the general community, Greenbaum was chairman of the United Way central budget committee for two years before becoming executive treasurer.

He met his wife, Helen, at a UJWF youth campaign dance at the Jewish Community Centre and, fittingly, became the new federation president on the day of their wedding anniversary. The couple have three daughters, Cindy 10, Susan 14 and Sharon, 17.

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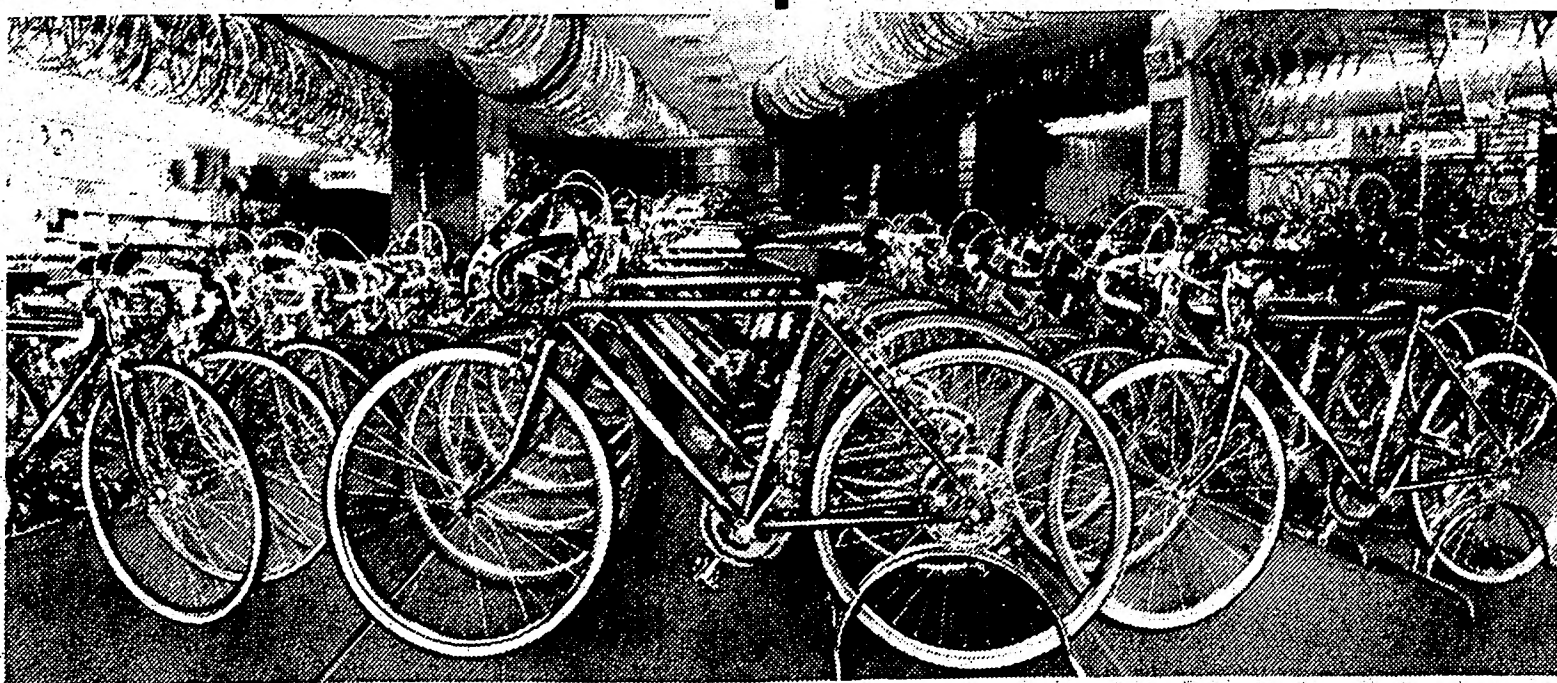
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